

PS 166 Homework Policy

- In Grades 1-5 Homework will begin after the Meet the Teacher Conference in September.
- Kindergarten will begin sending reading book baggies home in October. However, Kindergarten written homework will begin in January.
- Reading on weekends is encouraged. Reading 20 minutes a day increases a child’s vocabulary by 1.8million words a year.
- Students should not be assigned homework over the weekends or during school vacations. The only exceptions include: independent reading, writing in a journal, long-term projects, and test prep.
- Long term projects should not be due on a Monday or on a day when the teacher is scheduled to be absent.
- There will be one (1) math project assigned to every student during the first half of the year (Sept – Jan) and two (2) math projects assigned to every student during the second half of the year (Feb – May).
- Children should work on homework independently. If a parent/adult assists with the homework, the adult need to indicate that assistance was provided on the homework so the teacher is aware.
- All teachers within a grade will assign the same amount of homework.
- Homework is to be checked by the classroom teacher and the homework will be returned in a timely manner no later than 1 week passed the due date.
- Classroom teacher should review/check homework with the class.
- All grades will have access to the same high frequency spelling word lists.
- Parents should be informed that they will not receive homework in advance if the family is attending vacation that takes the child out of school. Any missed homework will have to be made up after the child returns to school.
- All students will have access to homework, if students are absent or the homework it misplaced the homework is also available on the class website.

How long should it take a child to read a book according to his her or her reading levels:

Level	Sample Title	Approx. # of Words	Reading Rate (Words Per Minute (WPM))	# of Minutes Per Book
J	Henry and Mudge (Rylant)	800-1000	100 WPM	10 minutes
L	Horrible Harry (Kline)	4,500	100 WPM	45 minutes
P	Stone Fox (Gardiner)	12,000	100 WPM	2 hours
			200 WPM	1 hour
R	Hatchet (Paulsen)	50,000	100 WPM	8 hours

Guideline on how many books to send home a week:

Levels	Number Of Titles
A-I	12 books as week
J-K	8 books a week
L-M	5 books a week
N-Q	2-3 books a week
R +	1-3 books a week

Kindergarten Homework: (Starting in January)

Read and Log: Independent reading 20 minutes or more a night

Spelling: 3 spelling words a week

Math: 2 journal tasks a week (strategy chart sheets provided)

1st Grade Homework:

Read and Log: Independent reading 25 minutes or more a night

Spelling: 3 spelling words a week

Math: 2 journal tasks a week (strategy chart sheets provided)

2nd Grade Homework:

Read and Log: Independent reading 30 minutes or more a night

Spelling: 5 spelling words a week

Math: 3 journal tasks a week + Sprints (strategy chart sheets provided)

3rd Grade Homework:

Read and Log: Independent reading 35 minutes or more a night

Writing: Writing about reading once a week starting in January

Spelling: 5 spelling words a week

Math: 3 journal tasks a week + Sprints (strategy chart sheets provided)

4th Grade Homework:

Read and Log: Independent reading 40 minutes or more a night

Writing: Writing about reading once a week

Spelling: 8 spelling words a week

Math: 4 journal tasks a week + Sprints (strategy chart sheets provided)

5th Grade Homework:

Read and Log: Independent reading 45 minutes or more a night

Writing: Writing about reading twice a week

Spelling: 8 spelling words a week

Math: 4 journal tasks a week + Sprints (strategy chart sheets provided)