

Homework Procedures for Room 2118

This year, our class will continue to have a combination of weekly spelling and math homework, along with monthly homework and cultural projects. Homework will begin this week. Please see below for specific guidelines for each type of homework (*Please note that some things have changed since last year*):

- * Weekly Spelling Words: New lists go home Monday, students tested Friday
- * Weekly Math Facts: New facts go home Monday, students tested Friday (*Attached, you will find an additional, detailed letter regarding the new math facts homework.)
- * Monthly Homework Packet: New packet goes home the first Monday of the new month, and will be due the last Friday of the month (*Specific dates will accompany the packets.)
- * Cultural Projects: Due dates to be announced. See below for more details...

More About Cultural Projects...

Your child will receive larger cultural homework projects throughout the year to accompany our cultural studies. I always give at least 2 weeks to complete these more detailed assignments, as they are a great way to dive more deeply into topics your child chooses to study. Directions and rubrics will be provided when the assignment is given, so your child will have the expectations in hand while completing the work. Spelling words/weekly math facts, and Monthly Homework are still expected to be completed.

Helpful Tips...

It is helpful to have a space for homework at a table or desk that is away from any distractions and near school supplies needed to complete the work. In the beginning, some students will need help with directions, and it makes sense for parents to help, but please do not do the work for your child. It will only do him/her a disservice. Please remember that all students at NAM write in cursive. (The kindergarten teachers started the cursive writing program with their students.) A family member is asked to check the work for accuracy, help the child to correct any mistakes, and sign the top page to show that the packet was checked and completed. If you have any questions or concerns about homework, please contact Ms. Milligan with a note or phone call.

A Note About Reading...

The Hamilton County Public Library recommends—and so do I!—that you and your child read together at least 15 minutes every day! Using your free library card, you will have access to thousands of fiction and non-fiction books, DVDs, and magazines. If you return these materials on time, it will always be free! :) A great time to read together is right before going to sleep. Reading on a regular basis changes a child's brain in many positive ways! It increases one's ability to concentrate, increases memory, and prepares the student for learning and problem solving. I cannot thank you enough for your support of your child's education and development!

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