

# Homework and Misc. Information

## Homework

Homework will be given as appropriate to the grade level of the student. The purpose of homework is to reinforce skills taught in school, to develop independent work habits, and to engage in long-term research or creative projects. All students will be expected to spend some time doing reading and/or homework every weeknight. Our school expectation is about ten minutes per grade level per night (eg. Kindergarten – 10 minutes; First grade – 20 minutes; Second and Third grades – 30 minutes; Fourth grade – 50 minutes; Fifth grade – 60 minutes). The actual time needed for homework completion may vary depending on how well the child uses class time and how focused and productive the child is at home. Each teacher may have additional reading requirements that may extend this general expectation. It is important that students feel responsible for this work and that parents encourage and support their child(ren). Please contact your child's teacher if issues or concerns about homework arise.

## Dress Code

Students are to dress in clothing that is neat and appropriate and that is not disruptive to the learning process in the classroom. Coming to school neat, clean and well-groomed helps students concentrate on their academic performance. Appropriate discretion is expected (ie. no short or very tight clothing and midriffs must be covered). Safe and appropriate footwear is required to be worn at all times. On the days that students have PE, they must wear approved gym footwear. During the winter, students go outside to play unless it is excessively cold, windy or rainy. Therefore, please send your child(ren) to school with appropriate outdoor wear, such as hats, mittens and boots on inclement weather days.

## Lost and Found

A Lost and Found area is maintained in the hallway outside the school office. Small items will be kept in the school office. We will make every attempt to locate the owner of property that has a name legibly displayed. Parents and students are encouraged to check frequently for lost items. Several times throughout the school year (for sanitary reasons) it is necessary to bag up our unclaimed Lost and Found items and donate them to charity. **Please remember to clearly mark every item that your child brings to school.**

## Money and Personal Property

Bringing personal property and money to school should be kept to a minimum. The only money that should be brought to school is for hot lunch, book orders or for the occasional school activity. **When possible, checks are preferable to cash (except for classroom field trips) and should always be in an envelope with the student's name and the purpose.** Students may not bring i-Pods, Gameboys, or other electronic devices to school. We discourage cell phones at school. If they are brought to school, they must remain off and be kept in the student's backpack during instructional hours, 8:00 am – 2:30 pm. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged cell phones, or other devices.