

Homework Guidelines

High Peaks 5th Grade ~ Ms. Struble

General Time Guidelines.

Boulder Valley School District has published guidelines for homework on their web site at <http://bvsd.org/policies/Policies/IKB-R.pdf>. For fifth graders, it is suggested that students spend approximately thirty minutes doing independent or family reading. In addition, other assigned homework should require thirty to fifty minutes. The maximum amount of time required should be less than eighty minutes total per night.

Reading Log:

Students need to read for 30 minutes seven nights a week. They need to complete the reading log for four of those nights. If we are currently reading a Core Knowledge novel as a class, students may do this reading for their log; however, they should not read beyond the assigned pages. If the assigned pages only take 15 minutes to read, they will need to read something else for the remaining 15 minutes.

Writer's Notebook:

Students are required to complete four entries in their writer's notebook each week. Time will be given in class to complete two of these entries; the other two should be completed as homework. I would suggest that homework entries be completed on Tuesday and Thursday as these are the days we are engaged in Writer's Workshop in class. However, a student may choose to complete homework entries on Monday or Wednesday if that works better with his or her schedule. One entry is at least one half of a notebook page, single spaced, and should require no more than 15 minutes to complete. While various ideas for these entries will be presented in class, students may write about any topic that is of interest to them. Students may not do five half pages of entries in one night.

Math:

Math homework is assigned nightly Monday through Thursday. The homework is one page and should not take more than approximately 20 minutes to complete. If there is a field trip or a test, there usually will not be homework.

Science and Social Studies:

Science and Social Studies homework will be assigned as needed. Frequently this homework will be related to a project, however, it may at times also include reading or other assignments. This homework will generally take the place of reading log or writer's notebook.