Mt. Erie Elementary School
Homework Policy

THE PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK

Homework is one of the many learning activities in which students engage; its purposes are to:

- Develop initiative, responsibility, self direction, and organizational skills.
- Extend learning and/or provide practice in applying concepts initially presented in the classroom.
- Provide opportunities for independent work and/or study.
- Strengthen concept attainment, skill development and reinforcement.
- Greater parental appreciation of and involvement in schooling.

GUIDELINES/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- No assignment will be given that has not been explained in the classroom.
- Students will fully understand when the assignment is due.
- Homework will be checked for its quality, completion and for the purpose of student feedback.
- Teachers will communicate to parents about missing or incomplete assignments as needed.
- Homework, including reading, will not be assigned over weekends or school vacations.

TIME ALLOTMENTS

Kindergarten – up to 20 minutes per night – Primary emphasis on reading  
Grade 1 – up to 20 minutes per night - Primary emphasis on reading  
Grade 2 - up to 20 minutes per night - Primary emphasis on reading  
Grade 3 - up to 30 minutes per night  
Grade 4 - up to 40 minutes per night  
Grade 5 - up to 50 minutes per night  
Grade 6 - up to 60 minutes per night

These times are approximate. Individual student’s pace may need to be taken into consideration.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be aware of assignments and to seek further explanation if needed.
- Record assignments.
- Organize his/her time to work on assignments.
- Turn assignments in on time.
- Work reflects high standards regarding quality and completeness.
PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

While the student should assume the major responsibility for completing homework assignments, parents are encouraged to take an active interest in the student’s homework by doing the following:

- Provide a study area that is quiet, comfortable, and free from major disturbances.
- Provide a definite time for study or other home activities.
- Make available resource materials, such as reference books, magazines, newspaper, dictionary, and/or the public library.
- Monitor the child’s daily and/or weekly assignment sheets/books and ling-range assignments.
- Arrange with the school to secure assignments during a period of excused absence. Teachers are not responsible for providing homework for extended vacations or unexcused absences.
- Encourage the child to complete homework on their own as much as possible and assist only as needed.

PARENT/FAMILY ENRICHMENT SUGGESTIONS

- Read together
- Play together
- Visit a library, museum, park
- Play games
- Limit screen time with research article connection

ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Include this homework policy in all teacher, parent and student handbooks
- Require teachers to communicate homework policy to students and families
- Ensure that teachers are implementing the policy with consistency
- Assist teachers when necessary with implementation
- Support staff with communication if a challenging situation arises

LIST OF HOMEWORK RESOURCES

3. www.metlife.com/teachersurvey

ALIGNMENT OF CORE BELIEF

- The Mount Erie Community believes in – Partnership with families and the community