

## Paramus District Homework Policy

The Paramus Board of Education recognizes homework as an integral part of the instructional process. Homework should provide for the reinforcement and extension of learning experiences that take place in the classroom. Teacher, student and parent each play an important part in insuring that homework fulfills this purpose. The nature and amount of homework will vary by subject, by grade level, and by student. If it is to serve a worthwhile purpose, homework must be assigned with some regularity, with due consideration to the individual needs of students and with provision for reasonably prompt feedback to the student on work completed.

### Guidelines:

- Homework is given regularly
- Reinforces skills and concepts
- Includes independent reading every night
- May involve exploring into new or related subject matter
- Evaluates student responses
- May at times require parental guidance/assistance (parents do not do the homework)
- Parents review and check homework for completion

Time Allotments: Students are expected to read every night at their “Just Right” reading levels. **The time allotments listed below are in addition to the nightly reading.**

Kindergarten: occasionally, 10 - 20 minutes + nightly reading

Grade 1: 20 - 30 minutes per night + nightly reading

Grade 2: 30 - 45 minutes per night + nightly reading

Grade 3&4: 45 - 60 minutes per night + nightly reading

If an individual student’s homework time consistently exceeds these guidelines, it is recommended that the parent notify the teacher.

Homework can be expected Monday through Thursday. Weekend and holiday assignments will be given at the discretion of the teacher.