



# Prince of Peace School

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Dear Parents,

Part of my job as principal is to assess our policies and procedures here at school on a regular basis to help improve the school. During the Christmas vacation, I was able to take some time to evaluate what has gone well and what our faculty and staff need to do to help make each student ready for learning at their current level and beyond. One area that I believe we can improve on is reinforcement of lessons taught during the day, which naturally leads into homework for the student.

I do not know that there has ever been an official policy about homework in the handbook but I have noticed that our teachers rarely give homework. My job as a principal is to make sure your students are ready to learn, study, and achieve at the next level, whether that level be the next grade or in high school.

With all of this being said, starting Monday, January 12, expect your student to come home with some type of homework. Preschool and kindergarten will not have homework, per se, but Miss Melissa or Miss Marilyn may send home something that you can do with students to help them or enhance their skills.

As for grades 1-8, expect your student to come home everyday with at least 15 minutes or more of homework. Grades 1-4 should expect somewhere between 15-30 minutes and the lower the grade, the closer to 15 minutes you will be. Spelling words, sight words, and math facts are all important concepts your student should be going over every night. Grades 5-8 has vocabulary terms that can always be studied, reading each night from the book they are studying or another book, and math concepts that can be reviewed. I also know that Mrs. Acey is working with students on Science Fair so research or work can be done on this as well as whatever is sent home as homework.

I do not want students to do hours of homework; that is not an effective way to reinforce what is taught. I do, however, want our students to be successful in school and in life. Learning how to study outside of teacher instruction is a life skill that every successful adult has. Your teachers, if they haven't already, will be communicating expectations about homework to you. Any student in aftercare will start off with 15-20 minutes of study time after snack to work on homework. If they have no homework, they can read during this time.

We need your help with this initiative. Encourage your student to complete homework when they come home from school. Make a special place at your dining room table or a small area where homework can be completed. Together, we can make a path to excellent education for all our students.

Dr. Noll