

# *White Pine Academy*

## *Homework Policy*

### *Why I assign homework:*

I believe homework is important because it is a valuable aid in helping students make the most of their experience in school. I assign homework because it is useful in reinforcing what has been learned in class, prepares students for upcoming lessons, teaches responsibility and helps students develop positive study habits.

### *When homework is assigned:*

Homework will be assigned every night. Assignments should take no longer than 45 minutes, not including studying for tests and working on long term projects. In addition, students are required to read a minimum of 20 to 30 minutes per night, including any unfinished class work throughout the day.

### *Student's homework responsibilities:*

Students must write down their homework assignments each day! I expect students to do their best job on their homework. I expect homework to be neat. Sloppy work will not be accepted. Students are to do the work on their own and be responsible for making up homework missed due to absence. I expect that all assignments will be turned in on time.

### *Parent's homework responsibilities:*

Parents are the key to making homework a positive experience for their children. Therefore, I ask that you make homework a priority, provide necessary supplies and a quiet homework environment, give praise and support, and contact me if you have questions. Please let your child be responsible for his/her homework.

### *Teacher's homework responsibilities:*

I will check all homework and keep records of assignments completed and not complete. Because I strongly believe in the value positive support plays in motivating children to develop good study habits, I will give students praise and other incentives when they do their homework. I will also make extra steps to ensure that assignments are returned promptly.

### *If students do not complete homework:*

They may be asked to stay in at their recess or lunch break to complete their homework. If students continue not to complete their homework, I will ask parents to begin checking and signing completed homework each night. If they choose not to make up missed assignments, they will receive a 0 for that assignment. Missed assignments will directly affect their overall grade in the related subject. When there is a legitimate reason why a student is not able to finish an assignment, the parent must send a note stating the reason it was not completed.