

Placentino Homework Guidelines 2016-2017

This year our school goal is to examine our homework guidelines. Our goal is to ensure homework is meaningful, family friendly, age-appropriate and inspires a love of learning in all students.

Reading will be the focus for **all** students across Placentino. Students can be read to, read independently or share their reading with another family member (or pet, or stuffed animal). We hope that the love of a story will spark conversations and promote storytelling.

In our initial review of the research on the impact of homework on student learning, the most beneficial activity at the early education level is reading or being read to. Homework should be authentic, meaningful and engaging.

Kindergarten and Preschool

Families are encouraged to read nightly. Remember, there are 3 ways to read a book. You can read the pictures, read the words or retell the story. Daily reading experiences such as asking questions about the pictures in the story, playing rhyming games, manipulating magnetic letters and talking about letters and sounds are beneficial!

First Grade and Second Grade

Students in first grade should spend 10 minutes per night engaging in reading and students in second grade should spend 20 minutes per night engaging in reading. Students can be read to, read independently or share their reading with another family member (or pet, stuffed animal). We will include some optional questions and discussion points to help deepen comprehension and make their reading more meaningful. A weekly reading log will be sent home for your child to complete.

While reading is the primary focus, we understand many families have expressed an interest in extension opportunities to practice all skills and strategies students learn at school. We will provide *optional* extensions for math and reading that you and your child are welcome to explore.

Some optional activities can be found on our classroom web pages or on the Placentino webpage under “cool sites”.

These activities include; but are not limited to:

- Reading Street *Weekly Family Times*
- Lexia
- Spelling City
- Reading Street Practice
- Prodigy

Throughout the year, reading may take on a variety of focuses that support classroom and school wide projects. Reading at home will allow your child to practice and give you an opportunity to be involved in your child's reading growth on a regular basis, while promoting a love of reading.