

## **Dry Creek Community Homework Guidelines**

### **At Dry Creek, we believe that student homework should be:**

- ❖ Developmentally appropriate for the age and grade/academic level of the student.
- ❖ Practice only of skills and content that have already been taught.
- ❖ Differentiated for students who need support or acceleration, so that, generally, students can independently complete the tasks.
- ❖ Designed to allow families some choice in when the homework is completed when possible. (For example, some families prefer to practice skills on a weekend when they have more time that is discretionary; whereas, other families prefer to practice skills for a developmentally appropriate amount of time on school nights and keep the weekends for family activities.)

### **At Dry Creek, we believe that homework can be a positive way to:**

- ❖ Practice reading together as a family.
- ❖ Start conversations between students and their families about what the kids are studying in school.
- ❖ Practice skills like prioritizing and time management.

### **At Dry Creek, we believe that student homework should not:**

- ❖ Be the cause of consistent family anxiety or arguments.
- ❖ Be the cause of students giving up extra-curricular activities that they enjoy.
- ❖ Be the cause of consistent loss of unstructured family time.

### **Homework Guidelines:**

- Home reading practice is the priority each night.
- Time spent should generally equate to 10 minutes per grade level, and this includes daily reading.
- Practice is assigned only on skills and content already taught.
- If a student is not finished at the end of the allotted time, the parent / guardian writes note to the teacher to say that he/she worked for the allotted time for that grade level. Then, the student starts fresh the next day with the practice for that day.
- Students who receive pullout support of any kind will not be assigned what they have missed in class as homework.
- Lunch recess is not to be used for students' homework completion.
- Students may use part of a brain break to catch up on an assignment, but they must have at least 10 minutes of that time to play and be active.
- Aside from Friday night reading, (which can be completed anytime over the weekend), no homework is assigned on Friday for a Monday due date.
- No homework is sent home to sick children unless special arrangements are made for a prolonged illness.
- No homework is assigned on school breaks.

Thanks for your partnership in your child's education!