

Alyce Taylor Elementary School Home Learning/Homework Policy

Alyce Taylor Elementary School believes the purpose of home learning/homework is to reinforce, enrich, and extend concepts which have been taught in the classroom, as well as develop responsibility and self-discipline. The staff at Alyce Taylor Elementary School understands families have busy lives, and our children are involved with several activities that enrich their lives both mentally and physically. We are strong proponents of extracurricular activities and feel there are countless positive effects that improve the lives of our students. Nevertheless, the teachers at Alyce Taylor believe school work is a priority and should take precedence over any outside school event. We feel these home learning/homework skills and concepts will help serve our children well later in life.

Home learning/homework will be assigned in grades kindergarten through sixth, and will be appropriate to each grade level, subject area, and ability. All home learning/homework assignments given to a student will be centered on concepts already taught and explored in class; no new concepts will be introduced. All home learning/homework will be recorded as an academic citizenship grade. In order for the home learning/homework policy to be effective, the cooperation of students, parents, teachers, and administrators are necessary.

The following are recommended guidelines for *students*:

- Regard home learning/homework as a positive tool
- Understand assignments; ask for clarification and further assistance when necessary
- Schedule home learning/homework at a time that is compatible with family and or school responsibilities
- Develop and take responsibility for your home learning/homework
- Be responsible and turn in completed assignments on time

Research (Marzano, Reeves, Schmoker, etc) consistently shows that parents are a key factor in their child's achievement in school. Home learning/homework is a vital area you can assist in as well, and you can greatly help your child academically and in the establishment of good study habits.

The following are recommended guidelines for *parents*:

- Establish home learning/homework as a top priority for your child
- Make sure your child completes home learning/homework in a quiet environment
- If possible, have your child work at a consistent physical location
- Establish a daily home learning/homework time, routine helps get the job done quickly and efficiently
- Keep in mind, home learning/homework is independent practice of concepts already taught
- Be a guide to your child if assistance is needed
- Provide positive support when home learning/homework is completed