

Mrs. White's Third Grade Homework Information

Students should expect homework, Monday through Thursday, of most weeks. Homework will not be given over the weekend, with the exception of long term projects that may be worked on over weekends, if desired.

Some assignments lend themselves easily to numerical grading. Others do not. For example, Math, Spelling, and Reading comprehension questions will usually be scored numerically. Writing samples and Science assignments are assessed for both content and form. For these assignments, in addition to recording correct information, students are expected to use standard English writing mechanics, including spelling, to the best of their abilities. Therefore, I have an assessment system using the following marks:

- + All information is correct and the work is neat, formatted correctly, complete sentences are used, and is free of spelling errors. Use of detail shows good depth of understanding.
- √+ Work may have a minor error that does not detract from meaning; or just one item incorrect, or one or two minor spelling errors. Some details given.
- √ Work is acceptable. Little, if any, detail is given. Work may have many spelling errors and/or some problems with organization or sentence structure.
- Work is not acceptable for credit the way it is. The student will be asked to correct errors or redo the assignment.

The student planner is an excellent tool for all of us to use. Look not only for homework, but also for assorted information that students need to remember to tell their parents. When assignments are given, I write the assignment both on the board and on the assignment poster. Students are instructed to copy the assignment in their planners.

Please look at and sign your child's planner each night...even on Friday or over the weekend.

Finally, please do not "clean out" your child's planner without asking him/her if he/she still needs particular items. When in doubt, leave it clipped in the planner. If you can't stand the suspense, write me a note asking if that particular item is still needed.