

Here are the expectations for Weekly Homework.

General:

Homework will be given on Mondays. If, for some reason, it is not, due dates or requirements will be adjusted.

Each week, you choose 3 of the assignments. One must be turned in by Wednesday, and the other two by Friday. Plan your week accordingly, and remember that you often have math homework. (Another good reason to use study time efficiently.)

It will be important to keep the directions for the repeated assignments in the Keeper section of your binder. Plan on reading through them carefully as you progress to make sure you are including everything.

Please do not turn in more than 3 assignments in that week. If you are intrigued by something else on the list, you may consider it extra credit and do it over the next weekend.

Homework should take from 40-70 minutes, as usual. If you are taking less than 40 minutes, you are either not reading and following all the directions, or you are working too quickly and without much thought or effort. Find ways to make it better, richer, more thorough if you consistently take less than 40 minutes to do homework.

Homework will be graded for the subject it applies and for effort.

There are many kinds of thinking and ways to show your knowledge and skills in the choices: mathematical, creative, ability to interpret fiction and nonfiction, social studies skills. I will encourage you to try different things or things that might challenge you, instead of staying within the comfortable zone all the time. Therefore, if an assignment is circled, you should include that in your choices. If it is crossed out, it should not be chosen.

What the work should look like:

All pieces are done on separate lined (or plain, for artwork) paper. It should be clear which assignment you are doing by title. All pieces should have your full name written carefully on each part of the assignment.

The Stranger Rule applies. You should include the question in the answer, or copy the question, then answer. It should be self-explanatory when posted or shared with others.

Work is neat, handwriting legible (unless especially noted) printing or cursive is acceptable. (Quotes, poems, posters, captions are generally printed or word processed.)

You may word process, but your brainstorming, list, idea-forming should also be turned in.

Careful illustrations, usually fine-lined and/or colored, is expected.

Other Requirements

A favorite piece should be shared with a parent during the week. Make sure it is at a time when parents can take the time to listen to you explain it. You are welcome, of course, to share more than one.

The homework sheet will be turned in on Friday completed at the bottom. (The numbers you chose, the number of the piece you shared, a parent signature.)

