

HOMEWORK

Our homework philosophy at Redland Elementary is based on current research that shows traditional homework is not effective at the elementary level. Each student at Redland Elementary is expected to read nightly, as well as practice their math facts, and record their minutes on their At-Home Learning Log. In lieu of homework, teachers are to share an optional At-Home Learning Activity on the back of each week's log. Families are encouraged to complete these at home to better understand what their child is learning in school. From time to time, unfinished classwork may be sent home at your discretion. In order to prepare 5th grade students for the expectations in middle school, 5th grade student assignments will increase throughout the second part of the year. Our philosophy supports the importance of families having time for reading, physical play, and personal activities outside the school day.

Redland Elementary Weekly At-Home Learning Log

Week of:								
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
Reading								
Math								
Parent Signature:								

At-Home Learning Expectations:

Grades K-2:

* Reading: 20 minutes a night (100 minutes a week)

* Math: 5 minutes a night (25 minutes a week)

Grades 3-5:

* Reading: 30 minutes a night (150 minutes a week)

* Math: 10 minutes a night (50 minutes a week)

See reverse side for an Optional At-Home Learning Activity from your child's teacher.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Recent research on effective homework practices demonstrates that:

- There is not a positive correlation between completion of homework and a student's grades or academic performance until the high school level.
- Students who struggle with homework in the early years develop a view of themselves as unable to be successful in school and tend to avoid learning tasks.
- Students who read (or are read to) regularly are more successful in school.

Additionally, the staff at Redland Elementary believes there is true value in:

- Students reading (or being read) books of their own choosing for pleasure.
- Families having time for activities of their own choosing (including games, extra-curricular activities, family dinners, and more), as well as daily opportunities for exercise and outdoor play.
- Teachers regularly communicating with parents about what their students are learning in school.

OCSD Homework Policy:

- Homework cannot impact a student's grades at the elementary level.

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Homework Expectations at Redland Elementary:

- All students will read (or be read) books for pleasure daily and complete a reading log.
- All students will practice basic math facts daily and complete a math log.
- Teachers will include an optional at-home learning activity and/or information about what the class is learning.
- Students will return a signed log each week.
- From time to time the teacher/school may send home special enrichment projects to be completed at home as a family. These projects are highly encouraged, but optional; students will not be penalized if they do not complete them.
- Daily in-class practice may be sent home to complete at teacher discretion.
- Fifth grade homework will increase throughout the year to prepare students for middle school.