

Homework....a responsibility, not a job!

**A helpful guide to homework
survival in
Elementary School**

First steps to survival are ...

- Be organized
- Find routines that work
- Release the responsibility to the child
- Provide an effective workspace

**Keep that growth mindset and
you will survive 😊**

Reading is a habit of mind!

- Make it fun
- “You read to me, I’ll read to you”
- Talk about books; have a conversation about what your child is reading
- Be a good model of reading - try ***D.E.A.R. Time = Drop Everything And Read***

**Good reading leads to
good habits!**

Why should there be reading homework?

- Builds fluency – just-right pacing when reading aloud
- Improves comprehension – recall and thinking
- Assists word-solving – decoding and meaning
- Develop a love for reading

Home is a supportive, loving environment to read/use text at an independent level

What should reading look like at home?

- Sit next to your child while he/she reads so you can see words and illustrations
- Encourage responsibility of returning books to school every day
- Make a point to support and compliment

A happy reader is a better reader!

Word Study is more than spelling!

- Focus on patterns rather than memorizing
- Understand meanings of words (i.e. using prefixes and suffixes)
- Find fun ways to learn new words

Word games spell f-u-n learning!

Writing ... your child is an author!

Ways to support your child as a writer:

- Writing about their reading
- Creating picture books
- Developing graphic novels or comic strips
- Journaling

Writing...a creative way to learn!

You will survive!

- Listen to your child
- Let them explain **how** they have learned
- Let growth mindset be your home philosophy...think positively
- Keep the "Power of Yet" alive and well...your child is on his/her way to learning a skill

**Keep calm and carry on with
homework!**