Homework Policy

At Bethesda Elementary School, we believe that homework assignments should serve one or more of the following purposes:
 To reinforce and enrich school learning experiences
 To teach students to follow directions and to organize time and materials
 To help students to accept responsibility and to develop self-reliance for assigned work
 To enable parents to stay informed about their child’s progress and about the school’s instructional program

Parents should expect daily homework Monday through Thursday. At times, there will be long term projects that may require the student to work on them over the weekend.

Students are responsible for:
 Writing down homework assignments in their Student Planner.
 Making sure that they understand the assignment before leaving school
 Turning in assignments when they are due
 Making sure that their parents see and sign the assignments in the Student Planner
 Explaining to parents what homework has been assigned and when it is due
 Making up assignments that are missed when absences

Teachers are responsible for:
 Communicating their homework procedures clearly to students and parents at the beginning of the year
 Posting homework assignments in classroom
 Allowing time for student to record homework assignments in the student’s Student Planners.
 Assigning homework that is purposeful and meaningful to student
 Assigning homework that is related to daily academic program
 Assigning homework that is within the ability of the student

Parents are responsible for:
 Arranging a quiet, comfortable, well lit place for their student to work
 Providing encouragement and support for their student
 Communicating with the teacher when questions arise about an assignment
 Checking the student’s Student Planner daily for assignments and signing to indicate that you are aware of the assignments

HOMEWORK SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO EACH STUDENT’S DAILY SCHEDULE