Ritchie Park Elementary School
Homework Policy

Student Responsibilities
✓ Read every day.
✓ Record your assignments and bring home the worksheets and materials needed to complete your homework.
✓ If you are unsure what your teacher expects, ask questions before leaving school.
✓ Complete your homework to the best of your ability and as independently as possible.
✓ Return your homework on time.
✓ If you are unable to complete your homework, then include a note with an explanation from your parents.
✓ Let your teacher know if the homework was too difficult or time-consuming.
✓ Talk to your parents about finding a quiet place and making time in your day for homework.
✓ Following an absence, work with your teachers and your parents to get caught up as quickly as possible.

Purpose of Homework
To reinforce, review & apply concepts and skills taught in class
To increase academic identity through concept attainment, skill development & reinforcement
To build independence through work study skills, organization, and responsible behavior

Teacher Responsibilities
✓ All assignments will be clearly explained in the classroom. Models and examples will be provided when appropriate.
✓ Teachers will clearly communicate due dates for assignments.
✓ Homework will be reviewed for quality and completion. Feedback will be given in a timely manner.
✓ If homework is to be graded, this will be clearly communicated; deadlines and rubrics will be provided.
✓ Where team teaching is utilized, assignments will be coordinated among grade level teachers to keep within the time allotments.
✓ Teachers will communicate to parents about missing or incomplete assignments as needed.

Parent Responsibilities
✓ Provide a quiet space with the necessary tools and materials.
✓ Make homework part of your child's daily routine.
✓ Encourage your child to complete homework on his/her own as much as possible and assist only as needed.
✓ Check assignment notebook for the complete list of tasks and teacher communication
✓ Communicate homework concerns to the appropriate teacher.
✓ Understand that teachers are not responsible for providing advance homework for extended vacations and unexcused absences.

Suggested Time Frames
Kindergarten: 10-15 min.
Grades 1 & 2: 15-20 min.
Grade 3: 20-30 min
Grade 4: 30-40 min.
Grade 5: 40-50 min.
✓ These suggested times do not include 15-20 minutes of reading time each evening or basic facts practice
✓ Individual student needs must be taken into consideration when determining homework length