

Good Hope Middle School

Homework Policies

2009-2010

6th English- Assignments that are not completed in class should be finished at home. Please encourage your child to use their class time wisely so that they will not have homework.

7th English-Language assignments are given daily. Work that is not completed in class should be finished at home to be checked the next day. Vocabulary and spelling words that are often assigned periodically, and should be studied at home as well as in class. Spelling and vocabulary tests, writing and grammar assignments make up the student's language grade.

8th English- Eight grade English consists primarily of reading, writing, vocabulary, spelling and grammar. Often grammar exercises are begun in class, but must be finished for homework if they are not completed. A new list of vocabulary words or spelling words is given each week. These are to be studied both at school and at home. The class reads several novels during the school year. On Mondays, we read and discuss the week's reading assignment, which averages two chapters each week. Usually, at least one chapter is read in class, but the student is expected to finish reading the assignment independently, answer study guide questions, and be prepared for a test on each Friday. Writing assignments of various types are done, both in class and at home. This year each student is doing a writing journal, using figurative language devices in their own poems and short stories. They will also illustrate their writing with their own artwork. Much of the work in their writing journals will be done at home.

Reading- Any class work that is not completed in class should be finished at home. AR is being done for 6th grade through Academic Lab classes. 7th grade and 8th grade AR books are done through the reading classes. All AR is through the library. AR books should be read at home so that in the nine week grading period each student will have read three books on their own reading range level with a 80 percent of correct.. Students should study from their reading books for quizzes on stories that are read and vocabulary words that are learned. Newspaper interaction between student and parent is due every Wednesday.

Science- Adequate time is given during class to complete assignments, but they must be finished at home if not during class. Readings may be assigned for homework. Most assignments can be completed in thirty minutes. All students must do a science project. This will need to be conducted at home.

Math- It is the position of the math department of Good Hope Middle School that homework is absolutely necessary. We propose that math homework will be assigned at least three or four nights per week. Homework assignments will not be excessive (10-20 problems). Homework

will be graded on accountability, usually not heavily on accuracy except in some cases. Completion of homework assignments will count as a certain percentage of the final grade.

Social Studies- Usually no homework is given. In the case that homework is given, if the student works efficiently there should be enough time to complete the assignment during class. When homework is given it will be no more than 1-3 times per week.

Band- 7th & 8th grade band students have to do 100 minutes a week. This gives them 1 point per minute. This is 1/3 of their grade. 1/3 is playing in class. 1/3 is practice records and 1/3 is test in class.