

Howard R. Driggs Elementary School

Homework Policy

Homework provides an extended learning experience for students, and ideally includes parental guidance and participation. An appropriate and effective homework assignment requires a student to demonstrate understanding of a specific concept(s) and provides a bridge to learning the next concept(s). Homework is a reinforcement of classroom instruction. This includes a review of concepts already taught in the classroom and builds on improving needed skills.

Please note: Students who have not utilized class time provided to complete a class assignment may need additional time on that task. This constitutes **unfinished** work at home and should not be confused with **homework**. Keep in mind, incomplete classwork is in addition to their regularly assigned homework.

When a student returns **(NOT BEFORE)** to school from an absence or vacation, the child or parent should check with the teacher for missing work. **It is an unreasonable request** to ask teachers to prepare several days of work for “students to complete on the plane” prior to a vacation. The student has the following time line to complete the work and turn it in to their teacher; homework due to absences is allowed two days per one day absent to return. Example: Two days’ consecutive absences is allowed four days to turn in missing homework assignments.

Vacations can potentially provide rich learning experiences for students, however please keep vacations during school days to a minimum. Missing work can be provided when students return from vacations but the whole group instruction and some assignments/experiences that they miss can never be reproduced. Also, please try to schedule dental, orthodontic and medical appointments at the end of the day.

If absent due to illness, please pick up the make-up work at the end of the day. Please do not interrupt instructional time.

We want to thank you for your continued support of our students’ education. A strong partnership of parents and educators ensures the success of all students.

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Administration

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