

**DAWSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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*“Developing our students’  
knowledge, skills and talents  
to the fullest so they  
can make the world  
a better place for all”*

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Dawson Elementary,

Homework given to your child is a valuable way to reinforce skills that are being taught and learned in school. Homework may also consist of an independent project on a topic of their choice or assigned by the teacher. In addition to reinforcement of skills, homework builds positive workstudy habits that will enable your child to be more organized, help build independence, and teach responsibility for completing assignments neatly, and getting assignments in on time.

Parents who assist their child with homework may find this a valuable way of being connected with their child’s educational experience. Parent assistance is also needed when encouraging their child to do their best work, finding a homework area that is conducive for work completion, and having the necessary materials available to complete the assignment.

As outlined in the student handbook the following is an average amount of time that your child may spend on homework, daily. However, on occasion, some assignments may take longer. Every child is different so the time may vary from child to child. Some children may complete their work quicker than others, however if your child is having difficulty completing the assignment you are encouraged to contact your child’s teacher.

Grade 1	at the discretion of the teacher usually no more than 20 minutes
Grade 2	30 minutes
Grade 3 and 4	45 minutes
Grade 5	45-60 minutes

If the homework is incomplete after a serious attempt has been made over this period of time, the parent should write a note to the teacher stating the amount of time spent and the homework was attempted but incomplete. If any emergency arises and your child is unable to complete his/her homework, please write a note to the teacher. Other, out of school activities do not constitute a reason for a student being excused from completion of homework.

If a notice from the school that requires a parental signature gets misplaced, a note from the parent stating that the information was reviewed will be accepted in lieu of the parent signature slip.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself at 508-829-6828 or at [patricia\\_scales@wrsd.net](mailto:patricia_scales@wrsd.net).

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Scales, Principal

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