

## Rice Elementary Homework

### We believe:

- Children need to READ every day!  
Reading TO children counts!  
Talking about the book helps with comprehension.
- Mastering some skills takes LOTS of practice!  
Math facts are important to memorize.
- Learning is social and is best when it is based on choice.  
Learning with your child will benefit both of you!
- Play and physical exercise is essential!

### Our Policy:

**Every child at Rice is expected to READ or be read to at least 5 nights/week.**

- Pre-K, K, 1st:** 10 minutes  
**2nd - 3rd:** 15 minutes  
**4th - 5th:** 20 minutes

**In addition to reading, students in grades 1-5 should practice math facts 5-10 minutes at least 3 times/week. These should be mastered by the end of the grade level.**

- K:** counting to 100 and addition facts to 5  
**1st:** addition facts to 20  
**2nd:** subtraction facts to 20  
**3rd:** multiplication facts to 10X10  
**4th:** multiplication facts to 10X10  
**5th:** division facts

### Optional homework will be given but will not be graded.

- Spelling lists for 1st - 5th grades will be posted on each class website weekly with suggested activities.
- Special learning activities that enhance the learning in school will be suggested on class websites monthly.

### Occasional homework will be required and graded.

- Work that is not finished in class due to a child's choices may be sent home.
- Children will not miss recess to complete work but may receive a lower grade for incomplete work or miss a special class activity to complete it.
- Special projects that require family involvement may be assigned infrequently.

### Encouraged homework includes:

- Outside play for at least 1 hour/day
- Family dinner table conversations about what was learned in school
- Helping with chores such as feeding pets, cleaning bedrooms, cooking dinner, washing dishes, helping with the garden, etc.
- Educational games or games of strategy played with family or friends
- Sports practice
- Music and/or Art lessons
- Nature walks
- Science explorations
- Family visits to a museum
- Writing a letter to a grandparent