

# Rice Homework Policy

## We believe:

- Children need to READ every day!
  - Reading TO children counts!
  - Talking about the book supports 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 engages in reading at least 5 nights/week. Students can read or be read to.
  - K, 1: 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, counting
  - 2nd: subtraction facts to 20, counting
  - 3rd: multiplication facts
  - 4th: multiplication facts
  - 5th: division facts
- **Optional** homework will be given but will not be graded.
  - Spelling
  - Special learning activities that support classroom instruction
  - Work to provide additional practice opportunities.
- **Occasional** homework will be required and graded.
  - Work that is not finished in class due to a child's choices may be sent home.
  - Special projects that require family involvement may be assigned occasionally.
- **Encouraged** homework includes:
  - Playing outside
  - Family dinner table conversations about the school day
  - 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