

An Interactive Homework System

Homework is a wonderful way to connect with families. Because it is a system that most families are familiar with, you can really take advantage of the daily connection it provides.

One way to strengthen your homework system is to add a weekly cover sheet to the homework you are already preparing. Adding a cover sheet allows you to build in communication from school, and ask for communication back from home. It allows you to include non-worksheet based activities such as reading logs or continued APTT practice. And finally, it asks for daily family involvement with homework by asking for family members to initial each day.

Families love having a standard system for homework. It creates consistency even if the assignments are changing from night to night.

Some things to consider:

1. You can fill out the weekly cover sheet on the computer or by hand and photocopy it along with the homework. This only takes an additional 10-15 minutes each week.
2. You can photocopy a blank page and have students fill out their homework each night. This may lead to investment and accountability for students, and will save you time.

Tips for Teachers

- Consider how you can strengthen your homework system with a weekly cover sheet. What is the easiest way to build on the homework you are already sending home so it becomes a method of ongoing communication in addition to academic practice?
- Keep families updated on what you are doing! Families love hearing about what happens with their children during the day.
- Be flexible! If families are unable to check homework each night, consider creating an alternative schedule that works with their needs.
- Keep track weekly of homework completion. This will keep students and families accountable. Make phone calls home when work is not complete and see if alternative arrangements need to be created. You can even have students take out the completed week of homework and have their binders open for easy insertion.

School Leaders: how can you help?

- Support teachers by having clear homework expectations for teachers and students
- Communicate the importance of supporting learning at home in whole school communications
- Celebrate students and families that consistently complete homework.

Examples of Completed Weekly Sheets

First Grade Homework/Tarea de Primer Grado
March 17-21



In class this week we are...En la clase de esta semana estamos ...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Learning about the history of flight ★ Working on our addition and subtraction fact families ★ Learning about geometry ★ Finishing up our published personal narratives. ★ Starting our new unit on grammar. ★ Learning about the land and water on planet earth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Información acerca de la historia de la aviación ★ Trabajando en nuestras familias suma y resta y empezando a aprender acerca de las formas. ★ A partir de nuestra nueva unidad en la gramática. ★ aprender acerca de la tierra y el agua en el planeta tierra.
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Questions/Preguntas?
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Don't forget Re-Enrollment forms are due on Friday, May 31!

May 28 - 31

Day	Do	Write	Read	Practice
Tuesday	Look at the pictures and match the given word patterns to the pictures.	Think of a message that uses the word away .	For at least 15 min. What did you read? _____	Review your sight word flash cards
Wednesday	Complete the word problems using the numberline	Think of a message that uses the word please .	For at least 15 min. What did you read? _____	Saying your phone number 5 times
Thursday	Complete the editor's eyes activity.	What do you predict will happen to Jack and Annie tomorrow?	For at least 15 min. What did you read? _____	Review the word patterns

In class this week we are...

- ★ Reading our LAST book: **Polar bears Past Bedtime**
- ★ Studying my sight words: **away, please**
- ★ Working in small groups to raise our reading levels
- ★ Learning about different word patterns and how to use them in our reading and writing.
- ★ Working on recognizing digraphs and blends (sh, wh, ch, th, ll, ss, tr).
- ★ Adding and subtracting numbers.
- ★ Decomposing numbers into groups and representing it as an equation.
- ★ Working on separating the sounds I hear in words
- ★ Counting by 1s, 5s, and 10s to 100.



Please call, text, or email me with any questions:
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Homework for the week of May 23, 2015

What we are learning	Announcements and Reminders			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Starting our new unit on Life Lessons. ★ Learning about different shapes and how we measure them. ★ Beginning our new writing unit on personal narratives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Don't forget APTT Meeting is this Wednesday at 6:00 in the classroom! 			
Homework Assignment	Reading Log	At Home Practice Skill/ Game	Adult Signature	
Monday	Complete the addition and subtraction word problems <input type="checkbox"/>	Book: _____ Time: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Practice your I have who has letters and sounds from APTT <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tuesday	Write a story about a time when you persevered <input type="checkbox"/>	Book: _____ Time: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Practice your roll and solve addition game from APTT <input type="checkbox"/>	
Wednesday	Circle the words that have vowel teams in them <input type="checkbox"/>	Book: _____ Time: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Practice your I have who has letters and sounds from APTT <input type="checkbox"/>	
Thursday	Read the story and write a summary <input type="checkbox"/>	Book: _____ Time: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Practice your roll and solve addition game from APTT <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friday	OFF! <input type="checkbox"/>	Book: _____ Time: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Practice your I have who has letters and sounds from APTT <input type="checkbox"/>	
Weekend	OFF! <input type="checkbox"/>	Book: _____ Time: _____ <input type="checkbox"/>	Practice your roll and solve addition game from APTT <input type="checkbox"/>	
Questions or Comments				

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Questions or Comments

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