

# **GOLDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Homework should be used to help young children practice concepts learned at school, develop good study habits, and promote positive attitudes toward school. The practice of homework communicates to students that learning can take place outside of school as well as inside school. "Homework" is defined as school-related assignments made by a teacher which will require time and effort outside of the regular classroom for successful completion. Homework is an important part of the regular instructional program and is an important link between the home and school.

When homework does not get completed at home, the student should have the opportunity to complete the assignment that day by attending the Homework Opportunity Program (H.O.P). H.O.P. is not punitive; it is an intervention tool to ensure completion and follow through on homework expectations. H.O.P. can be held before school, during recesses and/or lunchtime, or after school. H.O.P. shall be supervised by parent volunteers, teachers, high-school tutors, or other community volunteers.

When students turn in their homework by the start of class time, they will receive full credit. If homework is not completed, students will attend H.O.P. during recess and will receive partial credit. Partial credit given will be determined as a grade level team.

### **Student's Responsibility**

- Complete all homework assignments to the best of your ability and hand them in on time

### **Parent's Responsibility**

- Provide a place and specific time to do homework
- Encourage completion of homework
- Encourage student to do his/her best work
- Encourage student to turn in all assignments
- Stay in contact with teachers to monitor student progress
- Look in student's backpack for notes that must be signed and returned

### **Teacher's Responsibility**

- Explain the purpose of the assignment
- Explain how to do the assignment and how to know when it is completed
- Make sure homework is the practice of old material, or an extension of what was taught in class
- Collect homework and determine who needs to go to HOP to ensure homework completion

Daily homework time requirements are as follows (minutes each day, 4 days per week):

Fourth Grade	20-40 minutes
Fifth Grade	20-40 minutes

### **Makeup Work:**

Students shall be given the opportunity to make up school work that was missed because of an excused absence and shall receive full credit for work that is turned in according to a reasonable make-up schedule.

Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences shall be given the opportunity to make up missed work. Teachers shall assign such makeup work as necessary to ensure academic progress, not as a punitive measure.

Teachers shall give suspended students full credit for work that is turned in according to a reasonable make-up schedule.