



GREENTREE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Greentree Elementary Homework Policy 2024-2025

The Greentree Staff believe that students *and their families* have active lives outside of the school setting which greatly enhances their participation in our programs within the school day.

Therefore, we believe that homework, when given, should be **purposeful** and should allow our students to reflect on thoughtful instruction that has taken place within the instructional day. We

believe that learning is an active, versus passive process that allows us, as continual learners, to grapple with new ideas that challenge us to be **independent** thinkers. We firmly believe that reading for pleasure, whether independently or being read to, is an integral part of all learning. We will ensure that the amount of homework is consistent across the grade level and that some form of feedback is provided to each student in a timely manner.

Please see below for each grade level's purpose for providing homework:

Kindergarten Team: The purpose of homework in kindergarten is to introduce and establish daily routines and learn responsibility. -Students at this level might practice high-frequency words, read phonics library books, and or practice math concepts taught that day.

1st-grade team: The purpose of homework in 1st grade is to create accurate, fluent and engaged readers, skilled writers, and strategic mathematicians. Teachers will provide practice on previously taught skills as well as to enrich and expand concepts.

2nd grade team: The purpose of homework in 2nd grade is to reteach and review. Reteach: checking for understanding after a lesson has been taught. Review: go over topics previously taught in the instructional day.

3rd-grade team: The purpose of homework is to check for understanding after direct instruction, to provide practice on previously taught skill(s), and to enrich and expand upon concepts taught in class.

Upper-Grade Teams (4th - 6th grade): Homework is assigned to preview, review and reinforce skills learned in the classroom as well as to finish classwork that was not completed during the day. Homework should be meaningful, enabling the students to become independent and responsible learners.