

daily routine, others part of long-term projects. Developing successful time-management strategies will be important during the fifth grade year.

Grade 6:

- Ideally, 6th grade students should expect an average of 1 hour of homework, including 20 minutes of free reading (M. – Th.). It should be noted that this could vary slightly by student and/or assignment.
- Typical assignment schedule

Weekly (M. –Th.)

- Math – 4 per week
- Reading Comprehension – 2-3 per week
- Current Events – 1 per week
- Word of the Week – 1 per week

Monthly

- Free Reading – 3 x per month
- Nature Walk Journal – 1 per month
- Study for a Test – 3-4 per month
- S.S. and Science Research – 1 per month

Homework is meant to enhance daily instruction. It is not intended to punish children, keep them busy or entertain them in the afternoon and evening. When there is no assignment that will enhance instruction for any grade, homework may not be assigned that day. Also, times presented in this brochure are approximate; some days, children may have a bit more, others a bit less. If you ever see your child struggling with homework please feel free to help them. Please do not, however, complete it for them. Instead, let your child's teacher know that he/she had difficulty so that the teacher can present the information in a different way and help your child understand the material. If we do not know a child is having difficulty, we cannot help him/her. If a child is able to complete assignments early, encourage him/her to read a bit more. As always, we look forward to working with you to provide the best education possible for our students. If you have any questions about homework, please contact your child's teacher.

Luther Conant School

"Where the Whole Child is the Whole Idea!"

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Homework Guidelines for Families

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Kindergarten:

Homework has become a hot topic of discussion over the past few years. Some say more is better; some say there should be none. Here at Conant, we've studied the research and explored the needs of our students. We have developed the following guidelines to ensure the preservation of our high academic standards. We also know that that it is imperative that our students have the opportunity to play and socially develop, as well as partake in family activities without the stress of unnecessary or ineffective homework. We strongly feel that the whole child must be developed and that a balance between schoolwork, social development and fun is the best approach to educating our children.

We hope you find this brochure helpful in understanding our homework expectations for students and families at the Luther Conant School.

- Read to and with your child every day.
- Partake in the few brief family activities sent home.
- Get your child up and playing every day to help develop social skills and healthy habits!

Grade 1:

- 20 minutes of daily reading. This includes being read to by a parent as well as reading aloud to a parent.
- Beginning in January: Approximately 20 minutes of additional homework weekly

Grade 2:

- 20 minutes of daily reading, either independent or with an adult.
- 10 minutes per day of additional time spent learning math facts and spelling words, or completing other assignments related to class activities.

Grade 3:

- Mon. through Thurs. only
- 20 minutes of reading nightly
- 10 minutes devoted to studying spelling words, learning vocabulary definitions and memorizing math facts
- Several other book reports and projects throughout the year.

Grade 4:

- Reading: 20 minutes a day x 4 (If there are other assignments that

require reading, that reading can be applied to this requirement)

- Spelling: 10 minutes 3 x weekly
- Math: Practice to follow lessons taught 10 minutes 3 x weekly
- Social Studies: Geography Dictionary Completed at home and at school. Six times a year.
- Several other book reports and projects throughout the year.

Grade 5:

- Ideally, 5th grade students should be expected to have an average of 50 minutes of homework per night, this includes 20 minutes of pleasure reading.
- Students are expected to complete a reading log that will be signed by a parent or guardian at the end of each week. This procedure will last through the December break whereby students will have learned the expectation, and nightly reading should continue through the remainder of the year, but without requiring a signed reading log.
- The 30 minutes of pencil to paper time will include a variety of academic assignments, some part of a