

Homework Time Requirements for K-5

Grade	Reading (independent or shared reading for K-5)	Subject Area (Other Homework)
K	10 min	Not to exceed 5 min
1	10 min	Not to exceed 10 min
2	10 min	Not to exceed 20 min
3	15 min	Not to exceed 30 min
4	20 min	Not to exceed 40 min
5	25 min	Not to exceed 50 min

* Project work may extend this homework time on occasion

In order to build student literacy throughout our school, above is the required reading homework for Palencia Elementary School. During the reading block of homework, students should be reading a book on the student's independent reading level. As students increase their reading skills, they should progress from being read to, to reading together, to reading independently. In every grade it is encouraged that students read out loud to someone.

In subject area categories, teachers will assign homework pertaining to the standards being covered in class. This may include math, vocabulary/spelling, social studies, science, projects, and/or writing. Students should only be spending the time recommended for his or her grade level. If your child has reached the allotted time recommended using best homework practices, indicate on the homework that the time requirement was met.

Homework may be assigned Monday through Thursday. There will not be required homework assigned during weekends or over school breaks.

Please discuss any homework concerns with your child's teacher. This may also include additional resources needed for mastery or enrichment.

Homework Grading

This grading system works within the time limits specified. For example, if a student does not complete the homework within the allotted time, an adult signature will deem the work complete. Remember effort counts.

	K-2 grading	3-5 grading
Homework is completed, math work is shown, Full effort is evident	+	5 = 100%
Homework is mostly done, may be sloppy	√	3 = 70%
Homework not turned in or no attempt to complete	-	0 = 0%

Please note that the Homework column will be the only area of the gradebook where a student could possibly earn a 0%.

Students will receive feedback on all graded homework assignments within 48 hours of the due date.

Graded homework will be 5% of a student's total grade in each subject area (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies) in grades 3-5. (Walberg, 1999)

Homework will also be recorded in "completes assignments responsibly" in the Character and Social Development section of the report card.

1. Student consistently completes homework assignments responsibly
2. Student sometimes completes homework assignments responsibly
3. Student rarely completes homework assignments responsibly

A score of a 2 or 3 will result in loss of extracurricular school activities.

For the purpose of long term projects that have multiple steps, meeting periodic deadlines will be considered a homework requirement, but the overall grade for the project will be averaged in to the subject category.

Walberg, J.J. (1999). Productive teaching. In H.C. Waxman & H.J. Walberg (Eds.), *New directions for teaching practice and research* (p.75-104). Berkeley, CA: McCutchen.