



HOMework MENUS

*"Our five **Learner Expectations** are that our students will be: Skilled Information Processors, Empathetic Citizens, Collaborative Learners, Problem Solvers, and Knowledgeable People."*

October 26, 2011

Dear Parent and Student,

We are introducing a **revised** Homework Menu and Homework Log to track students' skill practice. The following is an explanation of the new homework plan.

Homework Menu

Each teacher has created a menu of learning activities from which students may choose. The menu provides the students a choice of different levels of challenge. Teachers will provide weekly feedback on student logs regarding menu items for extra practice in a particular area or to encourage students to try something more challenging. New menus will be distributed throughout the quint.

Homework Log

Homework Logs will be distributed at the beginning of each week for students and parents to record homework activity. **Teachers will distribute new logs on Mondays at the same time that they collect the completed logs and homework. Feedback will be provided on the completed homework log by Friday of the same week. All students have a minimum number of minutes that they must complete for each subject for the week (please see below). Students can complete the required minutes in a way that best fits their schedule. For example, one could choose to complete some work each night or complete a longer block on certain days.**

Weekly Homework Requirements by Grade Level

Grade	Math	Science	Language Arts
K	30 min	10 min	40 min
1	40 min	10 min	50 min
2	45 min	15 min	60 min
3	50 min	20 min	70 min
4	55 min	25 min	80 min
5	60 min	30 min	90 min

Accountability

The goal of this revised policy is to provide students and families with greater flexibility. However, it is important that teachers and parents work together to teach our students time management skills. We strongly discourage completing all of the minutes in one block at the end of the week. Teachers

will be checking the students' logs on Wednesdays and Fridays to ensure that they are fitting in some practice during the week.

Time-Specific Assignments

Teachers will sometimes assign homework assignments that are specific to that day's lesson and do need to be completed for the next day. The time that it takes to complete these assignments should be logged and will count towards the minimum required time. Teachers will require students to write these assignments in their agenda before they leave class. For example, students might be required to complete an enVisions math assignment to prepare for the next day's lesson.

This creative and flexible approach to homework will allow students to engage at appropriate levels and duration. If you have any questions, contact your child's advisor or the Academic Dean of the Lower School, Ms. Ethier at ethim001@hartfordschools.org.

Sincerely,

Capital Prep Lower School Staff