

At Orchard Heights, we believe that homework is a useful tool that should enhance student learning.

We believe that responsibility and time management are important and essential skills for success in completion of school work and homework. Students who do not have these skills will have access to support to learn and practice these skills.

- Homework will provide students with an opportunity to practice skills they can do with little or no assistance.
- Reading is an essential life skill. Reading for at least 20 minutes daily, in addition to homework, is expected. (This could be split into smaller chunks of time, and it could include an adult or older sibling reading to a younger child.)
- In consideration of family and outside commitments and developmentally appropriate expectations, the **maximum** amount of time students are expected to spend on homework daily is ten minutes times the grade level of the student (i.e., for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student,  $10 \text{ minutes} \times 2 = 20 \text{ minutes}$ ).
- Homework will extend the learning by connecting school experiences to home and real-life experiences.
- Not all students learn at the same rate or in the same way. Homework assignments will be differentiated and individualized for students when needed (e.g., shorter, emphasizing a building-block skill or a focused intervention).