

# Classwork

Assignments are to be turned in on the day they are assigned. Everyone is given time to begin and work on the assignment in class. Of course, all children do not work at the same pace. Some children will get their work done in class and some will not. If your child does not complete an assignment in class, he or she will be given extra time during the day to complete the assignment (if it is for a grade), may be asked to complete the assignment during lunch or recess, or will be allowed to take the work home and complete it as “homework”. I will mark incomplete classwork as “CW” in their homework journal so that you will be aware of what work is assigned as homework and which assignments are classwork that was not completed during the school day.

# Centers

Centers provide students with opportunities to explore, enrich, and review a variety of concepts in a fun way. Center subjects include: computers, writing, ABC (making words and developing vocabulary), geography and social studies, math, language arts, science, puzzles and games, recording/listening center, SRA, and buddy reading (shared reading).

Students will do center activities every morning as their “morning work”. Centers will begin at 7:45 and will last until 8:30. Please try to have your child at school on time so they have plenty of time for their center activity. Grades will be taken on center work and students are expected to complete their center activities. The center activities change once all of the students have had an opportunity to do each activity.

# Pre-Tests

Pre-tests will be given several days before tests in English and Math. These pre-tests will not be graded like the spelling pre-tests. I have the students take the English and Math pre-tests to identify any problem areas which need to be reviewed for the test.

# Chapter Reviews

Chapter reviews are given to the students to complete in class at the end of each chapter in social studies and science. Students are allowed to use their books to complete these chapter reviews. The chapter reviews are counted as a grade for that subject. These reviews provide an excellent study guide for the corresponding upcoming tests.

# Graded Work

A minimum of one grade per subject per week will be taken. Grades will be taken from student work samples as well as classroom observations and student participation. I believe that a valid representation of a child's knowledge in a subject can only be obtained from many samples of student work - not just written papers and assignments, but from performance and participation as well. Graded papers will be sent home in Friday Folders; however, please keep in mind that your child's subject average will consist of grades other than just graded papers sent home in the Friday Folders.