Dear First Grade Parents,

The first grade team of teachers has decided to change our homework policy. We have had many long and careful discussions about what research says, the purpose and value of homework, the need for consistency in the grade level, parent feedback, and many other factors.

After considering all of this, we have decided that there will be no required homework for first grade students starting when we come back on Jan. 3. We all still strongly encourage you to read to and with your child regularly. Some of the teachers who provided homework resources before, whether through a website or in hard copy *may* still choose to provide them, but no homework is required, and none needs to be returned to school.

The only exception to this homework policy is if we have special homework projects during the year (such as the holiday projects many students completed), but those would be short-term projects that we feel add to the learning taking place at school.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

The First Grade Teachers