

Homework

Dear Parents,

The third grade teachers have spent a great deal of time discussing homework. We have questioned the value, the kind of homework that would benefit kids, and the amount of homework students should receive. We've also looked at research to determine the impact that homework has on student achievement. We were unable to find evidence that homework is connected to student growth, and instead, we found that it can actually have the opposite effect.

After much deliberation, we have decided not to assign daily homework assignments. Instead, we ask that our students spend some time reading each night. They will also have various "Enrichment Opportunities" that they may choose to participate in. If students are struggling in certain academic areas, their teacher may send home worksheets for additional practice. This will be done on an individual basis, as needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss this with your child's teacher.

Sincerely,
Parkside's Third Grade Team