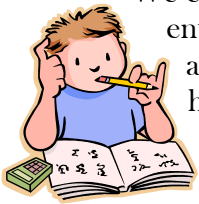


**Deer Canyon Elementary School
Homework Policy
2010-2011**

Teachers at Deer Canyon Elementary School assign homework in accordance with the Poway Unified School District Homework Policy. We believe homework should:

- Provide an opportunity to practice, reinforce or apply previously taught skills and knowledge
- Develop regular study habits
- Foster the ability to complete assignments independently

We also believe homework is the responsibility of the student and that parents can best support their children by monitoring completion of assignments, encouraging their efforts and providing an appropriate space and materials to study at home.



We expect that in the early grades direct parent involvement will be necessary. However as students enter grades two and three their independence with homework should be developing. We acknowledge that all students are different and some students will require more intensive help at home but their total time spent on homework should not exceed the time recommended for the grade level.

Homework will not be assigned on weekends or holidays. Long-term projects and homework packets are structured to allow students to complete them Monday through Thursday. Students may choose to complete homework on Fridays, weekends or holidays if it fits better with family schedules as long as it is completed by the due date.



The expectations for homework at Deer Canyon are as follows:

Grade	Approximate Daily Time	Guidelines
K	20 min.	Students should be read with by an adult daily for fifteen minutes with appropriately leveled readers supplied by the teacher. Complete Math home-links and other home activities as assigned.
1	30 min.	Students should be read with by an adult daily for twenty minutes with appropriately leveled readers supplied by the teacher. Writing, Math and other activities will be part of a weekly contract.
2	30 min.	Students should read independently twenty minutes a day. Math, Writing, Spelling and other activities will be part of a weekly contract.
3	40 min.	Students should read independently twenty-five minutes a day. Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Science activities will be assigned daily.
4/5	50-60 min.	Students should read independently thirty minutes a day. Other work will include Spelling, Math, Social Science, Science, Writing and long-term projects. Expectations for long-term assignments will be clearly communicated to students and parents. In addition students who participate in band will be assigned 30 minutes of practice nightly.