



## Change of Homework Policy

Our Building Leadership Team met over the summer and discussed the current homework policy at Cherry Park. After reviewing research on the effectiveness of homework at the elementary level it clearly showed that assigning packets of homework did not increase student achievement. We therefore agreed that Cherry Park Elementary will have a "No Homework" policy this year. This would eliminate the use of weekly homework packets and reading logs. We felt that it would be more equitable for our families if we had a school wide policy. Of course, we will provide additional practice if parents request.

Our school's committed focus will be on child/parent engagement. We will be suggesting activities that allow for home extensions and family engagement including:

- Reading together at home and in libraries
- Family projects like cooking together or gardening
- Monthly activity choices (academic/non-academic)
- Movement activities like walking and going to the park
- Websites for home practice like Moby Max
- Any class work that is not finished during the day

Tips on supporting your child:

- Be involved in your child's reading: read with them, have them read to you, have them tell about what they read, ask questions about their reading
- Math fact quizzing - Make a game out of it (memorize addition, subtraction and multiplication facts)
- Encourage problem solving