



Dear Chávez Families,

This letter is to share information regarding homework expectations for our students at Chávez Elementary. Over the past several years, there has been an increase in expectations on the public school system, schools, educators and students, which has resulted in increased homework requirements for the students.

Last year we shifted our focus away from heavy homework loads. After school hours should involve social interactions, play-time, creativity, reading aloud stories or independent reading time, and activities you value in your home during the evening. Research has proven that these social family activities correlate with overall school achievement and the development of global learners.

With that said, our staff members have developed guidelines regarding homework assignments. The table below indicates specific homework expectations for each grade level.

	HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS
Kindergarten	Monthly Reading Logs (beginning in November)
First	Weekly Reading Logs 15-20 minutes/day (M-F)
Second	Weekly Reading Logs 20 minutes/day (M-F)
Third	Weekly Reading Logs 30 minutes/day (M-F)
Fourth	Weekly Reading Logs 80-120 minutes/weekly (M-F) & 1 Double Sided Math Review Sheet
Fifth	Monthly Reading Logs 120 minutes/weekly (M-Th), 1-2 Double Sided Math Review Sheet, Math Fact Logs

Occasionally, papers may come home, which are not homework. These might include spelling lists, Journey's Home-School Connection information sheet for reading, Second Steps Take Home Activities and/or the Investigations Family Letter for math. These are to keep you updated about what your student is learning. They are for your information only.

Thank you for your continuous efforts in supporting your kids and this new building agreement! We appreciate all of your help and time.

With Care,
Denisa Taylor and the Chávez Teachers