## **Meadow Park Elementary Homework Policy**

## **Purpose**

The administration and instructional staff of Meadow Park Elementary recognize that homework is an integral part of an instructional program. It has different purposes at different grade levels. Homework for younger students is designed to develop positive attitudes and work habits. It provides older students with opportunities to refine and extend their content knowledge. Teachers can use these practices as powerful instructional tools.

## **Guidelines for Quantity of Homework**

Research is clear that the effectiveness of homework in improving student performance increases with the age of the child. Research also suggests that the quantity and type of homework must be well-planned, age-appropriate and provide a meaningful opportunity for learning enhancement. It can be used to prepare students for new learning, to check for understanding, or to practice a skill or process. Based on this research homework will be assigned using the following guidelines.