

## **Loma Ridge Homework Policy**

We all live busy lives, and we know kids have numerous extra-curricular activities. We prioritize unstructured time and family time for our students. As a staff, we are committed to the physical and emotional health of our students as well as their academic growth. To that end, we believe homework to be an opportunity for the practice of concepts as needed. We also believe the home environment is a wonderful place for daily reading to build literacy skills and a love of reading. It also provides an excellent environment for fluency practice for basic math facts. It is our recommendation that the latter occurs for a minimum of 15-30 minutes daily depending on student age and stamina.

Students and parents can expect that homework at Loma Ridge will be **MEANINGFUL AND MINIMAL**. This means that teachers will be intentional when assigning homework so that the task is appropriate for the individual student and necessary for practice prior to moving forward in the learning. Homework will be utilized to determine the next instructional steps for students to ensure that their individual needs are met. If at any point in time your child is struggling with a homework assignment after putting forth his/her best effort, please discontinue the effort and alert the classroom teacher of the challenge. We do not have an interest in our students struggling at home when we can address the challenge at school with the appropriate instructional supports.

Students and parents should expect that homework beyond daily reading will not exceed 30 minutes daily.