

Raney Class Homework Schedule

P H I L O S O P H Y	<p>3rd graders are ready for increased independence, but need help to develop organization and smart habits (such as starting homework at the same time each day and packing their backpacks before bed). This predictable homework routine is designed to allow students to take responsibility for their own homework. If a student exhibits off-task behaviors during the school day and fails to complete an assignment, the assignment will be sent home for completion. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Ms. Raney if you have any questions. :)</p>
M O N	<p>Each night, you should:</p>
T U E S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read for <u>at least 20 minutes</u>. Read your Book Club assignment, if you need extra time to finish it. • Work on your weekly Reading Letter (due Friday). • Solve the assigned math problems.
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T H U R S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read for <u>at least 20 minutes</u>. Read your Book Club assignment, if you need extra time to finish it. • Finish your weekly Reading Letter (due Friday). Politely ask an adult to read your letter, and make any corrections that they suggest. → OPTIONAL: If your Reading Letter is already done, then you might spend some time on Reflex or Dreambox.
F R I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read for <u>at least 20 minutes</u> each day throughout the weekend. Read your Book Club assignment, if you need extra time to finish it.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long should math homework take?

A: Math assignments vary in length and difficulty. The goal is for assignments to take between 5-15 minutes. Students who consistently take longer than 15 minutes with their homework may have skill gaps and might benefit from added parental support. If math homework takes longer than 15 minutes, parents have the option to write a note on the homework paper letting Ms. Raney know that she should accept the incomplete assignment. (Example: *Bob worked on his homework for 15 minutes and we needed to start our bedtime routine - please accept the incomplete assignment. - Bob's Dad*)

Q: What should a student read for their daily reading?

A: Students should read any picture books, chapter books, comics, or magazines that they find interesting! Parents can even read aloud to or with their children, if you like. Enthusiasm for the reading experience is more important than which text they choose to read. However, IF a student has a Book Club assignment that they are not on track to finish by the next meeting, then they should do their Book Club reading first before reading a self-selected text.

Q: What should a student do if they are struggling to choose their own books?

A: Readers who struggle to select their own books might benefit from finding a good series. Reading a series reduces the amount of time spent browsing for a new book, which allows time spent searching for new books to be spent reading instead. Reading with a parent can also be enjoyable bonding time that builds reading skills. Listening to a bedtime story or taking turns reading with a parent are both acceptable reading activities, if that is what feels best for your family.

Q: How much support should my child need with their homework?

A: The goal is for students to build good homework habits and work towards being independent. However, every child is different and will need a different level of support to be successful. Some students may never need help, while a student with math skill gaps might benefit from parental help fairly frequently. Please contact Ms. Raney if you would like to confer about the level of support that your child seems to need.