

# Nautilus Homework Expectations

Research has shown that the amount of time devoted to learning is directly related to the achievement in an academic area. In other words, practice does correlate to improvement. At Nautilus, staff recognizes that homework is an important part in mastering the skills taught in the classroom, but we also recognize the importance of quality family time. In addition, we believe nightly reading leads to an important lifelong skill.

The purpose is to:

- 1) practice and reinforce newly acquired knowledge or skills;
- 2) to prepare for new or unfamiliar content; and
- 3) to work in-depth on a topic.

As a guideline, teachers will follow the "rule of 10", which means 10 minutes multiplied by the grade level each night. A set amount of time is not the goal, however, if a student is generally spending longer than the below times, it is recommended that the parent notifies the teacher. Homework completion will be noted on the report card; however specific homework grades are not included in the overall achievement grade.

Grade Level	Reading	Homework
Kindergarten	10 mins per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Homework Calendars should take between 5 &amp; 10 mins to complete with adult assistance (Monday-Thursday)</li> </ul>
First	30 mins per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibly 20 mins of another subject work (Math, Spelling, etc)</li> </ul>
Second	20 mins per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibly 10 mins of another subject work (Math, Spelling, etc)</li> </ul>
Third	30 mins per night completing Read and Lead book (5 nights a week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math practice problems will come home labeled as homework</li> <li>• Spelling lists practice at home is highly encouraged</li> </ul>
Fourth	30 mins per night and completing reading log (5 nights a week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 20 mins of additional subject work (Monday-Thursday)</li> </ul>
Fifth and GATE	30 mins per night and completing reading log (5 nights a week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 20 mins of math work (Monday-Friday)</li> <li>• Occasional Writing, Social Studies, Science or project work</li> </ul>
Sixth/Seventh/Eighth	30 mins per night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nightly Math worksheet (Monday-Thursday)</li> <li>• 10 mins of vocabulary words study</li> <li>• 15 mins of re-reading notes in all subjects</li> <li>• Occasional Writing, Social Studies, Science or project work</li> </ul>

Families can help by providing a quiet study area, signing student's assignment planner (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), and encouraging completion of assignments (including nightly reading). Please remember that nightly reading counts towards Read and Lead minutes (parent signature is required on Read and Lead sheets).

Working together, Nautilus staff and families can continue to ensure a quality education of all of our students.