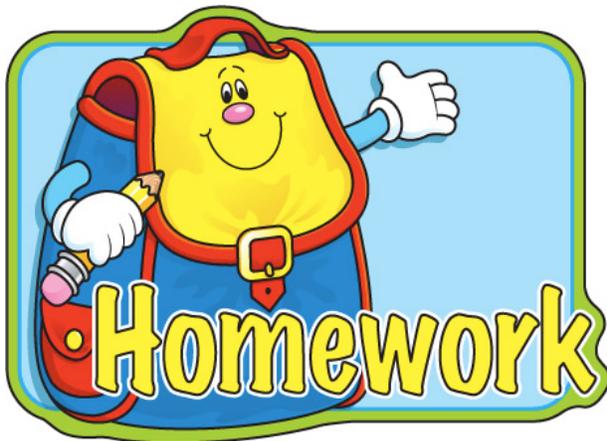


## New Year's Resolution: Homework

If you haven't already dedicated an amount of time for completing homework with your child, we ask that you consider creating a homework routine (5-10 minutes a day) to go through your child's folder and work on assignments. Setting up a homework routine now will increase your child's ability to independently complete homework in later years.



## Homework

A big thank you to all those who completed our December Homework Calendar last month.

Just a reminder: Please be sure to read the directions at the bottom of the page of your child's Wonders homework packets.

Students are graded on their homework participation so be sure to return homework assignments to school. You'll know I have checked your child's work if there is a stamp or smiley face on it.

## This month's focus:

### Wonders Themes:

- Pitch In
- How Does Your Garden Grow?
- Trees
- Fresh From the Farm

### ReadyMath:

*Students will learn about addition and subtraction within 5.*

### Second Step:

*We will continue Unit 3: Emotion Management*

- *We Feel Feelings in Our Bodies*
- *Managing Frustration*
- *Calming Down Strong Feelings*
- *Handling Waiting*

## Self-Regulation

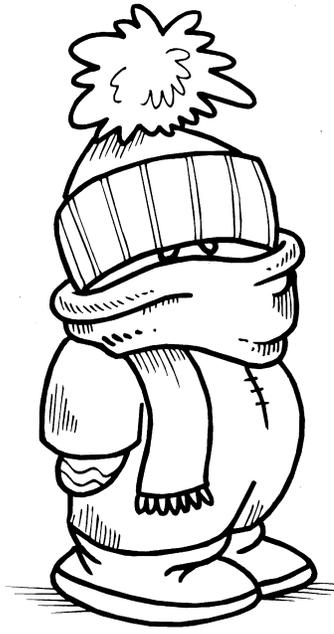
According to studies, "The more self-control you child has, the more successful [they] will be in school."

Students need practice deciding when and how to express themselves and their needs appropriately rather than acting on impulses. By learning these skills at home, students are better able to generalize them in school settings. This allows more time on learning and getting the most out of school.

## Mittens and Earmuffs and Coats ... OH MY!

Thank you to all those who have labeled their child's belongings. It has been so helpful to locate lost/missing items.

If you have not done so already, please be sure to label your child's coat, mittens/gloves, hats, etc. You can write their name or initials on the tag.



With the colder weather near, please send in a replacement spare outfit for your child to keep in our classroom. Outfits should include:

- Long sleeve shirt
- Pants
- Socks
- Underwear

All items will be returned to you by the end of the school year.

“Reading to your child once a day is not enough”  
- Parent & Child Magazine

Parent & Child Magazine suggests, “Try to read together at least three times a day. Books at the gateway to building vocabulary, learning about print, and developing listening and early literacy skills. When you read, talk about the book. Discuss the characters and setting, make predictions, and create new endings. Point out letters and words in the text, and encourage [them] to recognize rhyming sounds and words to identify beginning and ending sounds.”

### Early Literacy Skills Include:

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Word Recognition
- Fluency
- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

### January Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day (NO SCHOOL)

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Galotti's Pajama Day

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Reading Club Orders Due

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> – Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL)

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Monthly Homework Calendar & Activities Due

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