

Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School

**2010/2011
Parent/Student
Handbook**



**Working Together For
Every Child**

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Homework Policy

Parent Involvement

Pupil's Homework Responsibilities Are:

- Ask questions in class so his/her homework assignment is clearly understood.
- Have necessary material to complete assignment.
- Care for and return books taken home to complete homework.
- Follow structure and design of work assignments set by classroom teacher (proper heading, problems numbered, etc.)
- Complete and return assignments on time.
- Strive for work quality equal to best of their ability.
- Begin work promptly at home with minimal complaint.

Parent's Homework Responsibilities Are:

- Provide consistent, quiet place for homework and study activities.
- Initially review assignment with child and review finished product.
- Encourage child to work independently on assignments.
- Minimize delays and interruptions once work is begun.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm over work completed to expectations.
- Have necessary materials available for your child.
- Time Frame: The nature of the homework assignment and the students individual work habit and level of interest or motivation will determine the length of homework assignments. As a general guide. We feel the following guidelines are appropriate:
 - In addition to homework STUDENTS SHOULD READ OR BE READ TO 20-30 MINUTES EACH DAY AT HOME.
- Kindergarten - Teachers use discretion and ensure that any "homework" is developmentally appropriate.
- Grades 1st to 3rd - 15 to 30 minutes each night. Length of assignment varies at each grade level.
- Grades 4th to 6th - 20 to 30 minutes each night. Variability exists between grade levels.
- Grades 7th to 8th - 1 hour each night.
- Should you have questions regarding your child's homework, please contact your child's teacher. A close relationship between parents and teachers ensures a strong support system for your child.

Parent Participation Requirement – 30 Hours Per School Year

We will be monitoring and documenting parent participation at our school in order to share this information with other charter and district schools.

Parent Conferences – 2 Conferences Each Year

Communication is an essential part of the educational program and we felt is extremely important for parents to keep in close contact with their child's teacher concerning his/her progress. The teacher will schedule conferences during the first and third quarter for all students, parents are encouraged to contact the teacher throughout the school year. Please remember to request a conference in advance so a time that is convenient for all can be established.

Party Policy

All parties should be kept simple. Birthday treats are acceptable and need to be arranged one week ahead by the parents with the teacher's approval. Light refreshments only such as punch, cookies, and cupcakes. Handing out birthday party invitations IS NOT PERMITTED at school unless the entire class is to be invited.

Food Preparation

Education Code 27604 addresses the fact that no food prepared in a private home shall be used or served as does SB 775, the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law. Lodi Unified Food Services Department, Health Services Department and the Risk Manager can be contacted for further information.