

Aux Sable Elementary School

“Thursday News”

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Homework Trials and Tribulations

At virtually every school, Aux Sable Elementary School included, some children seem to complete homework effortlessly, while others have difficulty managing the academic demands and organizational challenges that homework presents. For our students to be fully prepared for the academic and life challenges that lie ahead, they must develop effective daily work skills.

Why homework?

The purpose of homework is to review class material and practice skills. As children complete their assignments, they become more invested in and responsible for their learning.

Homework places demands on children that help them develop mental skills. It demands that a child concentrates, follows directions, organizes materials, solves problems and works independently. Homework offers a way to show a growing sense of competence and independence. Additionally, homework helps forge a connection between school and home.

How can parents help their child be ready for homework?

By focusing on certain skill areas you can help your child complete his/her homework with less stress and frustration.

- Choose a specified space and time to do homework. Remove

distractions. Help your child concentrate by turning off the television, by limiting personal telephone calls, and by setting a good example by reading and writing yourself.

- Make sure that your child has all the tools and supplies needed to complete work. It is a good idea to accompany your child to an office supply store at the start of each semester to purchase new school supplies as necessary.
- Help your child to set realistic goals regarding how long each assignment may take so that he or she knows that they will also have free time.

Upcoming Aux Sable Events

January 13th PTO **Kindergarten and First Grade Family Movie Matinee** at 2:00 p.m.

January 15th There is a Referendum Committee Meeting at Minooka Elementary School at 6:00 p.m.

January 18th Teacher Institute – No Student Attendance

January 21st No Student Attendance – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 22nd Aux Sable Elementary School's Second Grade Music Program at 6:30 p.m.

January 29th Aux Sable Elementary School's Fine Arts Festival at 6:00 p.m.

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