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Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

As you know, homework is an important part of school. It not only reinforces lessons taught in the classroom, but it also helps students learn to be independent, responsible, and organized. The homework policy at Canaan Elementary School is to have up to 10 minutes of homework per grade level. Using this guide we expect sixth graders to have up to 60 minutes of homework every night, Monday through Thursday. This time may be higher or lower depending on how your student has used his or her time at school. Usually the only homework assigned over the weekend will be to work on make up work or long term projects. If you feel that your student is spending too much time on homework, please let us know. We do not want them to be overwhelmed, and we want them to be able to enjoy free time at home with family and friends.

Your student has been given a planner in which to write his or her homework for each day, as well as due dates for projects and dates of upcoming tests or quizzes. Assignments are posted on the board in each classroom. We ask that a student's planner is signed (no initials please!) by a parent or other responsible adult every night so we all know that a student's homework is complete. We will check to see that the planner is signed and homework is complete at the beginning of class each morning. **Please sign the planner only if you know that a student's homework is complete.** We believe that it is the student's responsibility to see that his or her planner is signed every day. As we go through the year we will stop requiring signatures in planners from those students who are showing responsibility and passing their work in on time.

This year your student will receive both letter/number grades and standard/indicator scores.

The grading scale being used for grades 6-12 is:

A = 93 - 100  
B = 85 - 92  
C = 76 - 84  
D = 70 - 75  
E = Below 70

Indicator scores are

4 = Exceeds  
3 = Meets  
2 = Developing  
1 = Emerging

We believe in holding students accountable for their grades and for completing and handing in their work on time. Our policy on late work is:

1 day late = 5 points off score

2 days late = 10 points off score

3 days late = 15 points off score

more than 3 days late = a score of 0 will be given

If a student is absent from school, he or she has 3 days to make up the work that was missed. Any work assigned before the student was absent will be due the day the student returns to school. In the case of extended absences due to illness or vacation, we will make individual arrangements with you and your student.

Extra credit work is usually only given to students who have completed and passed in all their work on time, but are still not happy with their grade in a specific subject. We do not give extra credit to students who have had consistently late work and are trying to make up for it at the last minute. If a student keeps up with his or her work all trimester extra credit is usually not needed.

You can keep track of your student's grades online through Power School. If you do not have internet access, contact us at school and we can check your student's progress for you. We send mid term progress reports home half way through each trimester so you know how your student is doing well before report cards are sent home. If you have any questions or concerns about this information or anything else, please let us know. Thank you for your time and help. We are looking forward to a productive year with your sixth grader!

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Please sign the attached paper indicating you have read this letter and return it to school. You may keep the letter for future reference.