

Verner Elementary School

700 First Street Verona, PA 15147

www.rsd.k12.pa.us T: 412-828-1800

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Homework is one of the most important ways for students to practice what they learned in school and demonstrate to parents their growth and understanding of the skills and concepts taught. Many times students receive homework in multiple subjects that may be one night projects or long term projects. These assignments are critical to reinforce the skills taught that day but also teach students about time management and responsibility. Working with your child to establish a homework time and a place where your child can best complete their homework are key factors to your child's success in school and beyond.

Homework Tips:

Kids are more successful in school when parents take an active interest in their homework. It shows kids that what they do is important.

Homework for children in kindergarten through second grade is most effective when it does not exceed 10-20 minutes each day. In third through sixth grade, children can benefit from 30-60 minutes of homework per day. Junior high and high school students can benefit from more time on homework, and the amount may vary from night to night.

Here are some tips to guide the way:

- ✓ **Set up a homework friendly area:** Make sure kids have a well-lit, quiet place to complete homework. Keep supplies—paper, pencils, glue, scissors—within reach.



Upcoming Events

September 2

Curriculum night—Grades 1&2—6:30-7:30pm

September 3

Curriculum night—Grades 3&4—6:30-7:30pm

September 4

Curriculum night—Grades 5&6—6:30-7:30pm

September 8

Verner Picture Day

Important Announcement

Verner Parent Teacher

Organization will meet

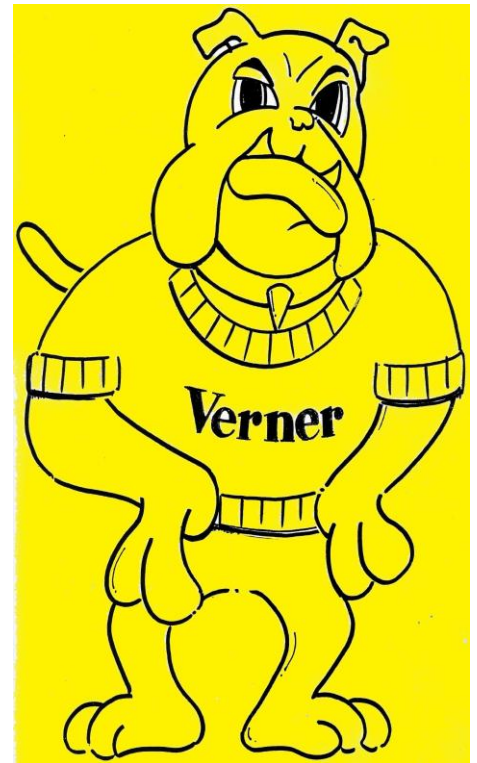
Tuesday September 2nd at

6pm in the Verner library.

Every parent and teacher

are welcome to attend.

- ✓ **Help your child with time management:** Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together classmates.
- ✓ **Help them make a plan:** On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night, if necessary and take time for a 15-minute break every hour.
- ✓ **Keep distractions to a minimum:** This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls.
- ✓ **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers:** Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.
- ✓ **Be a motivator and monitor:** Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
- ✓ **Praise their work and efforts:** Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.
- ✓ **Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework:** Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean they will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.
- ✓ **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help:** Talk about it with your child's teacher. Talk to other parents in your child's homeroom to see if they can provide support or if their child is struggling. Lastly, write a note to the teacher about the issues/struggles with the homework so they know why the homework was not completed.



In the Community

Verona Fall Festival

The Verona Fall Festival will be Thursday September 4th through Saturday September 6th from 6pm-11pm. The festival will be held in the park by the Verona police station.