

Summer Take Flight Homework Directions for Parents

Homework is a key component of the Take Flight program. Assignments usually take 30 minutes or less to complete, but it is a crucial component of the program. All homework must be completed **with the parent**. Both parent and child have interactive roles during homework.

Homework Directions

During the summer vacation, it is crucial to keep up the hard work your child has done over the school year. To continue that hard work, they need to review their previously learned Handwriting, Instant Words, RAP, and remember to READ!

- **Handwriting**

Handwriting is to be done independently by your child. The top portion has been completed in class; the bottom portion is for homework. Your child will practice letter formation in cursive and write 5 samples on each line. You can assist by telling your child to work slowly, neatly, and to watch their lines.

- **Instant Words**

Your child will work with the **SAME** set of instant words for one week. These words are easy, common words that your child will need to recognize quickly. Some nights words will appear in rows, in columns, in phrases or in sentence form. **Remind your child the words are the same words they have been working with in class!** For your child to recognize the words quickly, he/she needs the oral reading repetition at home. Have your child read the words to you as quickly as he/she can.

- **RAP** (Repeated **A**ccurate **P**ractice)

This is very important for accurate and fluent reading!

The page is divided into sections. The **TOP line of each section is an echo line**. You read one word and your child echoes the word. You read the next word the child echoes the word. This is for the **TOP line of each section only**. The rest of the lines are the **same** words just in a different order. Your child reads the next line(s) without echoing. This will enable your child to begin to recognize words quickly. Remember, RAP music is fast and that is what we are working towards, reading these words quickly! If they make a mistake, quickly correct them.

- **Reading**

Most students are required to keep a reading log for their regular reading class. Students need to be reading daily during the summer. Your child needs to listen to a book on tape while reading the book silently, read a magazine or reading an adult at least 20 minutes a day. In other words, students need to be doing at least 20 minutes of **connected text** reading daily!! (That means words in paragraph or story form).

These procedures might sound complicated; however, it is quite easy. You will build a routine and the directions take longer to get through than the homework! Remember, I am here to assist you. If you have any questions, please email me at:
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Thank you so much for partnering with me in your child's education!

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