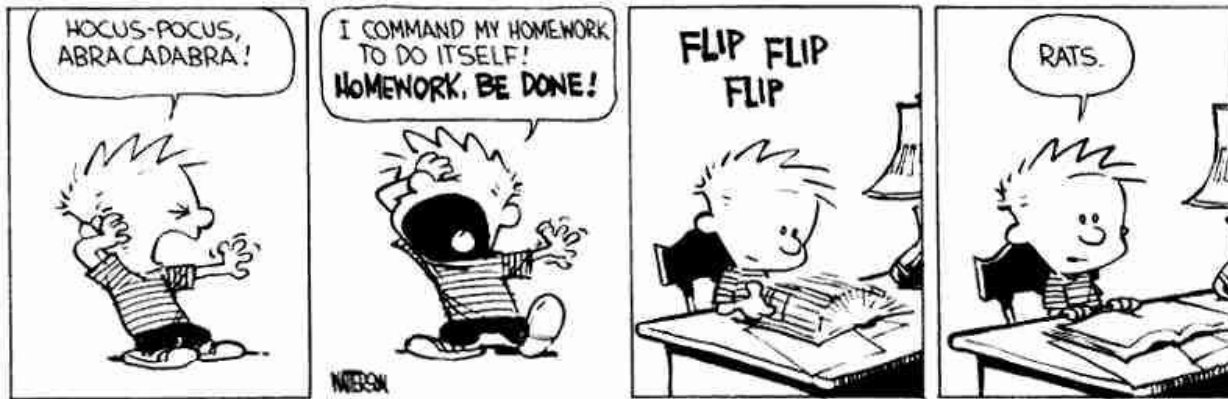


4th Grade Homework



Homework is a debated topic and research is mounting to indicate that at the elementary level anything beyond reading does not significantly impact growth and progress. Homework can increase stressors and barriers for learners, teachers and families. In addition, it does not support the balance a child needs with school, recreation, family time and sleep. Opportunities and activities, beyond paper and pencil tasks, help to build knowledge and experience that can more significantly impact how well students connect with their learning in the classroom than traditional math packets, book reports and spelling lists.

Therefore, homework for 4th graders at HBS will consist of the following this year:

- Weekly Home Reading expectation with a recording and reflection sheet.
- Choice Challenge assignments that connect to something we are studying.
It could involve collecting, exploring, researching, listing, sharing, creating or playing a game.
- Completing unfinished classwork to give the gift of time for success.
- Practice opportunities when needed for skill strengthening in a learning area.

We will be using our time wisely in the classroom with meaningful and purposeful lessons, assignments, projects and practices. We will be honoring not just the products of learning, but the process. We believe, as a fourth grade team, this will make us better teachers and the students better learners.

We are looking forward to an enriching and well balanced year!