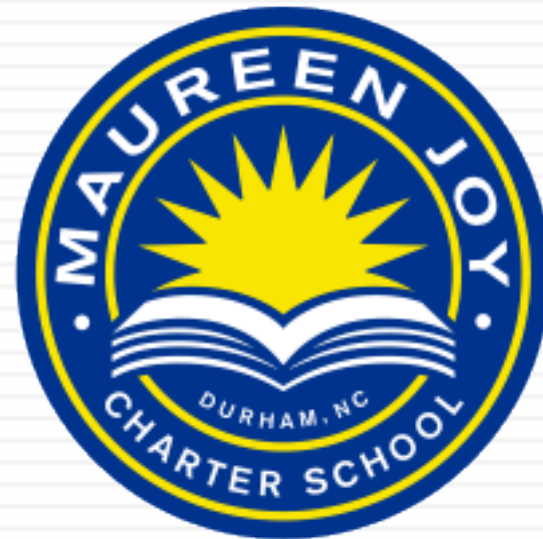


Parent Workshop:

# HOMEWORK



Thursday, October 25  
2012

# Welcome!

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## Do Now:

- Write one question you have about homework at Maureen Joy on a post-it note in front of you

# What we will learn tonight

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1. Why homework is important
2. How homework is assigned and tracked at Maureen Joy
3. What completed, excellent homework looks like
4. How to help your child to be more effective at completing his or her homework

# Maureen Joy Values

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**Achievement**

**Character**

**Teamwork**

# What we will learn tonight

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**1. Why is  
homework  
important?**

# Why is homework important?

- Homework is an extension of what is learned in class
- Homework reinforces classroom learning
- Homework is an additional opportunity to practice skills
- Homework introduces new topics

# Why is homework important?

- A North Carolina study showed that students who completed at least 3 hours of homework per week scored above the state average on standardized tests in reading and math

# Why is homework important?

- Homework has other benefits
  - Increased sense of responsibility
  - Organizational skills
  - Increased self motivation
  - Increase independence
- These are all skills that are important for success in high school, college and the workplace



# Why is homework important?

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- Homework is not the only thing that will increase student academic achievement
  - ▣ Daily attendance at school
  - ▣ Active class participation
  - ▣ Reviewing and studying
  - ▣ Reading

What we will learn tonight

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# 2. How homework is assigned and tracked at Maureen Joy

# Homework at Maureen Joy

- The Education Trust emphasizes that homework should be aligned with the standards
- ▣ Our teachers receive specific training and support on aligning their lessons, assessments and all assignments to the Common Core and NC State Standards

# Homework at Maureen Joy

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- Maureen Joy scholars have homework every night
- Scholars are expected to write all homework assignments in their agenda daily
- Teachers check homework daily for completion, neatness and effort

# Homework at Maureen Joy

- Homework for every night:
  - Kindergarten: read a book every night
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade: independent reading logs, reading comprehension guides
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: 30 minutes of reading and log
  - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: Read novel and complete worksheet, Million word challenge

# Homework at Maureen Joy

- Consequences for not turning in homework
  - ▣ Missing/Incomplete Homework will show up on paycheck)
  - ▣ Elementary- perfect HW for week plus \$20, missing minus \$10
  - ▣ Middle- asking for & completing extra HW plus \$3, missing minus \$2

# What we will learn tonight

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**3. What does  
completed, excellent  
homework look like?**

# Excellent homework

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- Examples of excellent homework



# What we will learn tonight

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**4. How to help your child to be more effective at completing his or her homework**

# How to help your child

- Research shows that there is a stronger link between academic achievement and homework when parents provide homework support at home

# How to help your child

- Create a schedule
  - Have your child do his or her homework around the same time every night
  - Limit TV and play until homework is complete
- Sit with your child
  - Ask them what homework they have
  - Have them show you their agenda and homework folder (make sure to sign!)
  - Ask them what they are learning in class

# How to help your child

- Help your child study
  - ▣ Quiz your child on vocabulary, spelling words, math facts, etc..
- Have a conversation every night about homework
  - ▣ This is a good opportunity for your child to tell you about what they are learning in class
  - ▣ This will let you know what they do not understand

# How to help your child

- Focus on completion
  - ▣ Provide praise and encouragement
  - ▣ Check homework every night for completion
  - ▣ It is very important that your child does his or her best to answer every question

# How to help your child

- If your child is “stuck” or does not understand
  - Ask to see their class notes
    - Often answers to homework questions can be found in class notes
  - Ask them to attempt each question thoroughly
    - Even if a child is not sure if their answer is correct, they should do their best and show their work
    - Teachers give credit for effort, not for blank answers

# How to help your child

- Helpful websites
  - [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com)
  - [www.gomath.com](http://www.gomath.com)
  - [www.math.com](http://www.math.com)
- Communicate with your child's teacher
  - Email
  - Phone call
  - Conference (Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>)

# How to help your child

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- Brainpop and Brainpop Jr.
  - [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com)
  - Username: joycharter
  - Password: jaguars



# Sources

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2. The Center for Public Education ([centerforpubliceducation.org](http://centerforpubliceducation.org))
3. North Carolina Department of Public Instruction ([ncpublicschools.org](http://ncpublicschools.org))
4. The Education Trust ([edtrust.org](http://edtrust.org))

# Questions?



# Announcements

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- Nutrition Information
- Parent Advisory Council Meeting on Friday November 2, 2012 at the school 7:00 – 8:30 am
  - Sign in sheet
- Student U