

# A Message From Aldrin ES



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Dear Aldrin Families,

We would like to take a moment to share our new homework plan. The plan was created by a committee of teachers and administrators in our best attempt to make homework more meaningful while still following the guidelines in place by FCPS. We know this was introduced to most of you at Back to School Night, but we wanted to ensure everyone fully understands our thinking behind making a change and to reiterate we do not have a “No Homework Plan” at Aldrin. Students will continue to have homework--it will just look a little different than the traditional homework you may have seen in the past.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

## **ALDRIN HOMEWORK PLAN**

The Staff of Aldrin Elementary School strives to foster a love of learning in the best interest of the Aldrin Community. We value the whole child: their time, their family’s time, their social-emotional needs, and their need for differentiated assignments. In order to make homework more authentic, the universal homework plan of Aldrin includes the following guidelines:

- Homework will be meaningful, experiential, hands on or project based.
- Homework will include reading time based on what is appropriate for each student.
- Homework may include proportional time spent on long term projects.
- Homework will not include repetitive weekly assignments given on Monday and due on Friday.
- Homework will not be graded or a factor in progress reporting.
- Homework will not include worksheets or worksheet packets.
- Homework will not be required to be completed at Recess.

The intent of this plan is to reduce or eliminate the frustration of both students and parents and encourage parents to engage in their child’s learning through conversation and “real life” activities. We recognize that each child will have diverse requirements in order to promote their learning. The Aldrin Homework Plan guidelines are intended to be broad enough to ensure that each child’s needs are met, while giving teachers the responsibility to create assignments that are suitable for each child within the parameters noted above.

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