

Butler Extended Day Program

Big BEDP HOMEWORK CLUB 2015-16

WHAT: The Butler Extended Day Program has a supervised homework time for children in grades 2, 3 and 4. Started at the suggestion of a parent, the Homework Club provides a place for your child to do some of his/her homework in BEDP.

WHERE: The Homework Club meets in the library and computer lab (for classroom teacher assigned work)

WHEN: Monday through Thursday, from 3:45 – 5:00 (times subject to change)

DETAILS:

- ◆ The supervised homework period begins at 3:45 p.m.
- ◆ You decide whether or not you want your child to participate in Homework Club.
- ◆ BEDP has pencils, paper, calculators, dictionaries and some other reference materials available.
- ◆ Children who finish assignments before Homework Club is over may leave and return to other activities.
- ◆ BEDP Homework Club *is not* a tutoring service. Each year, a number of children in Big BEDP attend Homework Club. We do not have the resources to provide extensive help or tutoring to individual children.
- ◆ We will take attendance at homework club each day and will notify you if your child repeatedly fails to show up to homework club. We do not search backpacks for homework. We will make a note by children's names on days that they say they have no homework. Children who have no written homework for the day may practice their weekly spelling words, practice math facts or read for their reading logs.
- ◆ In order to keep a quiet atmosphere for homework, no other activities will be allowed at homework club, and any child who is disruptive will be required to leave. Children who finish early may read if they wish to stay at homework club.
- ◆ Children may do quiet reading for their reading logs during homework club. They should bring a book to homework club if they wish to read, but if they forget, they may read (but not check out) library books.

Some children simply do not do well at homework club. Perhaps they cannot concentrate with so many other children around, or they might need to relax after school. Others need constant supervision and/or help to accomplish anything. We will let you know if your child seems to be struggling in homework club.

SOME QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE . . .

HOW DO YOU GET THEM TO DO IT? Difficult as it may be to believe, many children are relieved to get their homework out of the way before they go home. Some children are eager to go up when they find that their friends are going.

HOW DO WE SIGN UP? Complete the attached parent response form and return it to BEDP. Return this form only if your child *must* attend homework club. If you have any specific concerns, add them to the form. Please review the attached homework club rules with your child. We will go over them here in BEDP, and they will be posted on our bulletin board.

SUPPOSE MY CHILD LIKES TO WORK ON HOMEWORK AT BEDP EARLIER OR LATER IN THE DAY? Some children prefer to do homework at BEDP on their own time. Your child is free to do this. Tables are always available in the cafeteria for homework. However, if your child does not go to Homework Club, he/she will not have staff help or supervision with homework.

WILL MY CHILD MISS HIS/HER GYM TIME OR ENRICHMENT CLASS IF IT COMES DURING HOMEWORK CLUB? Children who attend a BASEP enrichment class will join homework club as soon as they come down from their class. 3rd and 4th grade gym is over by the time homework club starts, and 2nd graders may join homework club after they get out of the gym. On days that we have a special program during the regular homework club time, we will reschedule homework club.

SUPPOSE WE SIGN UP AND IT DOESN'T WORK OUT? If you change your mind about having your child doing homework in BEDP, notify the program. A child may join or withdraw from Homework Club at any time during the year with your permission.

OTHER QUESTIONS? Please see Pam. We encourage you to talk to us about homework and to return the form. If you do not return a homework club form, we will assume that you leave decisions about doing homework during BEDP time to your child.

ENROLLMENT FORM FOR BEDP HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will be held Monday through Thursday from approximately 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. The children meet with a BEDP teacher. The teacher is available to help, to time reading, etc. Homework club is not a private tutoring service. If a child chooses to do homework at a different time, BEDP cannot guarantee help with assignments, nor will BEDP be responsible for seeing that the homework is done. If there are any problems with your child's participation in homework club, a BEDP staff member will contact you. Use this form only if you want your child to be required to attend homework club.

Child's Name

My child must attend homework club on the following days of the week (please check days)

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Is there anything that we should know about the homework patterns of your child; any particular difficulties that the child is having; any specific types of homework that you would like to have your child work on in Homework Club at BEDP?

Name of Parent or Guardian

Date