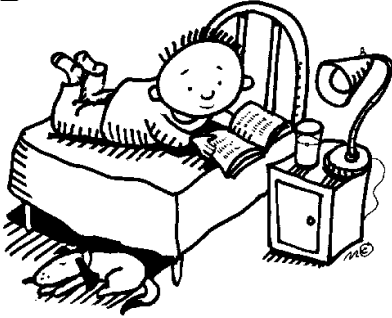




## Is your child taking longer than an hour to finish homework?

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If so, this checklist may help us figure out what might be going on. I assign homework with a goal of averaging 60 minutes or less of a student's time for all subjects each night. If a student is taking longer than this on an ongoing basis, it could be for any number of reasons. Which of these ideas below might relate to your child?

- Is your child using his/her time well at school? Is (s)he having to bring work home that was supposed to be finished in class?
  - Is your child behind in a very basic skill in reading or math? Would (s)he benefit from tutoring in that skill?
  - Is your child struggling with how to study, such as for a test?
  - Is your child struggling with a new concept (s)he is practicing, and needs continued help/guidance?
  - Is your child doing homework in a location that is distracting?
  - Is your child having a difficult time getting focused on starting or completing the work?
  - Is your child trying to be almost "too perfect" instead of striking a balance between accuracy, neatness, and completion?
  - Has your child taken a long-term assignment and put off working on it until the last minute?
  - Does your child *enjoy* putting extra time into schoolwork?
  - Is your child seeking recognition or confirmation from you that (s)he is working hard?
  - Does this happen frequently – more often than not?
  - Is this a rare occasion, and perhaps not typical of the usual amount of homework or length of time?
  - OR, is it likely the teacher is not accurately calculating the amount of time the homework should take?
  - Others
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**If your child is averaging longer than 60 minutes to complete homework a night on an ongoing basis, please send a note or call so that we can get together and identify the adjustments that may need to be made. If your family has an emergency on any night, please let me know by sending a note or phoning so that I can give your child additional time.**

Thanks!  
Mrs. Nettling