Alternative Homework Ideas

- **ELA**
  - Students are encouraged to read 15-20 minutes an evening. ([RAZ Kids](#) or your local library are both great resources for books!)
  - Discuss something that was read - Who or what was it about? What happened? Did you learn something new? Did you like it - why or why not? (This can go both ways - students can share about what they read and parents can share about what they read.)
  - Do further research on a topic of interest from school
  - Play a word game as a family, such as Scrabble or Boggle
  - Play literacy games online - some are listed on my classroom website.
  - Help read a recipe or directions while parents are cooking
  - Read the lyrics to one of their favorite songs
  - Help write the grocery list or thank you notes
  - Write about an experience or favorite memory (going on a trip, visiting a museum, going to a sports event, celebrating a birthday)
  - Write about their feelings
  - Write about what they learned in school
  - Look up the meanings of words they don’t know

- **Math**
  - Students are encouraged to practice basic facts every evening, even if just for five minutes. (Students will bring flash cards home for each math box they are working on.)
  - Help count out change at the store
  - Help measure ingredients when cooking
  - Play card games as a family. [Math Card Games](#)
  - Play math games as a family, such as Yahtzee, Tenzi or Rummikub
  - Play math games online - [First in Math](#) or [Front Row](#)