Dear Parents/Guardians:

Homework is an essential part of a student’s education and is an important tool in assisting an increase in student achievement.

We believe homework should:
• be a shared commitment among teachers, students, and parents
• provide parents with insight into what their child is learning
• provide parents with an opportunity to be actively involved in their child’s education
• teach students responsibility, and self-discipline
• instil the kinds of work habits and organizational skills that students need to be successful in school and later in the work place
• encourage lifelong learning and extend learning beyond the school
• extend and support in-school experiences through related out-of-school activities.

Homework should serve three purposes:
1) to complete an activity/task that has been started at school and is to be completed at home.
2) to practice a skill that the student is just learning (eg. adding two digit numbers with regrouping)
3) and, in some instances, to become familiar with a topic or skill that will be discussed in class the next day (eg. visiting a website if possible to become familiar with electrical circuits)

As well, the overall purpose of homework in the early years/primary grades is that of building homework routines (eg. home reading books).

In some cases the main portions of assigned projects will be completed and assessed in class. Teachers may indicate that parents/guardians can help with specific aspects of a project (eg. finding magazine pictures for a collage, helping to type a final draft, etc.).

Students need to be responsible for their learning by:
• writing down homework in Homework Diary or substitute Memo book
• asking for assistance when necessary
• completing the assigned work
• meeting timelines for homework completion
• developing a homework routine/study habits
• locating appropriate resources and materials
• organizing to have the right books at home to do the homework
• returning the completed assignments on time
• having a parent/guardian sign that they have completed the daily homework.

Parents should assist their child by:
• asking each day about homework and then signing that the homework has been completed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If, for a legitimate reason a student is unable to complete their homework a parent/guardian must write a note in the student Homework Diary/Memo book otherwise the student will need to complete some work the next day during Recess/Lunch.

SET HOMEWORK FOR GRADE SIX SASSAFRAS WILL START ON MONDAY MAY 26th.
Each night students will have at least one spelling activity to do and a minimum of ten minutes reading of an appropriate text.