

# Thinkmarks

Thinkmarks are nightly assignments that are given in Language Arts. It is a way for students to actively engage in their twenty minutes (or more) of reading each night. Typically, the skill students will be working with will match up to the skill we were working with in class that day. Thinkmarks are graded on both content and mechanics. On the back of this page, I have shown the maximum points that will be awarded for each section of the Thinkmark. The response box for each day will be heavily weighted. It is important that students and parents understand that points will be deducted for:

- missing information
- incorrect information
- copying errors
- information that I cannot read
- incorrect sentence structure
- spelling errors on tested words
- capitalization or letter formation errors
- missing skills or page numbers
- not underlining titles

As I teach new grammar rules, points will be deducted for making errors in those areas. I will go over these expectations with students multiple times when we are working with the Thinkmarks, but it would help if you could emphasize this at home as well. Please do not fix things for your child. Instead, ask them guiding questions such as: Are you sure you have capitalized all of your proper nouns? Did you write page numbers for each day?

Please let me know if you have questions about this assignment since it will result in many grades for your child.

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I have reviewed the Thinkmark information for the 2018-2019 year for Language Arts.

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Student name

Parent signature