



A Student-to-Student Tutoring Network

## Study Tips for Elementary School Students

✓ **Reading is fundamental, but so is Writing.**

Students need to be reading every night so that they develop a love for reading at a young age. In our opinion, it is not as important what a student is reading (newspaper, novel, online), but that they are also writing about what they have read. State tests include Brief Constructed Responses (BCR's), which tests reading comprehension, a skill that can be developed by having your child write a short paragraph about what they have read each night. Make it fun!

✓ **Engrain Math Facts AND Spelling Words.**

The earlier a student can recite the multiplication tables by heart, truly engrained like a student knows his or her home address and phone numbers, the easier it will be for that student to handle harder math in middle school. In this same spirit, treat learning math facts the same as spelling words. While you are in the car with your children, practice math facts AND spelling words. Make it fun by turning it into a game, friendly competition with prizes, include the whole family!

✓ **Save quizzes, Show Work.**

Save the quizzes from each unit to better prepare for unit tests. As the parent, you can create practice problems by switching the numbers in questions from a recent quiz. In addition, students need to show their work because it really helps a teacher pinpoint a disconnect of a certain concept.

✓ **Show your child your Daily Planner to encourage use of Homework Assignment Book. Improve Time Management in the Process.**

The best way for a student to understand the importance of writing down homework is for you as the parent to show and involve your student in your planner. Have your child write down your meetings, color code pick-up times, look ahead to next week to see if you are "free" that day. Involving your child in your time management will improve their time management.

✓ **Be Proactive. Join Edline or Blackboard. Have Weekly School Conversations.**

Parents need to be proactive by monitoring online homework and assignment tools like Blackboard. At the same time, parents need to be mindful that not all teachers update

Blackboard regularly, so a grade posted may not be the actual grade, for better or worse.

We encourage a weekly conversation about favorite vs. least favorite class, concept, subject from the week prior to get a sense of what your child likes, dislikes, wants to do more of.

The more we can offer students additional activities that align with their interests, the more likely they are to succeed in that activity and beyond. We want students to play to their strengths.