

Getting Yourself Together: Study Skills for the Middle School Student

Grades: 5-7

Day (s) of Week: Wednesday

Time of Class: 9:00am to 10:30am EST

Length of Class: 10 weeks

Semester: Winter 2019

Tuition: \$300.00

Class Dates:

Winter 2019

Week of January 14

Week of January 21

Week of January 28

Week of February 4

Week of February 11

Week of February 18

Week of February 25

Week of March 4

Week of March 11

Week of March 18

Make Up Week: Week of March 25

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Description of Class:

This class will focus on the study skills that today's students need in order to succeed in an academic setting (of any kind). The students will learn organization, time management, note-

taking, test-taking strategies, work prioritization, and how to study. It does not matter how hard you study if you are not studying in an effective manner. This course teaches kids how to study smarter, not harder.

Class Approach:

We will begin the class with a quick discussion based upon a quote or picture that I post in the classroom. Next, I will lead a quick review about the skill(s) learned in the previous lesson, and then we will delve into the topic for the day. I will model skills for the students and we will partake in an active discussion about these skills. Students will practice the skills and work towards mastery.

Goals:

1. Students will be able to effectively set-up and organize folders, notebooks, and binders.
2. Students will be able to set-up and utilize a calendar and planner.
3. Students will be able to take complete and informative notes.
4. Students will be able to make their own study-guide.
5. Students will be able to effectively manage their time.
6. Students will be able to prepare for and successfully take tests using the strategies that they have learned.

Textbook:

None

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

- (2) 2-Pocket Folders
- One Subject Notebook
- Binder (a 1/4inch is fine)
- package of tab dividers (for binder)
- A planner (it does not need to be fancy!)
- A calendar (can be printed off of the computer)
- 3x5 index cards
- highlighters (varying colors)
- Scanner
- Headphones
- Microphone
- Microsoft Office
- Internet Access
- Art Supplies (poster/paper/markers/crayons)

Requirements:

- Bring completed homework to every class (homework will be assigned for most class periods and I expect it to be ready at the start of the next class)
- Be on time/prepared for class
- Participate
- Cooperate with teacher and classmates
- Ask questions to ensure understanding
- Do your best!
- Have fun!

Weekly Homework:

1-2 Hours

Homework Policy:

Due at the beginning of each class period

Additional Policies:

I expect all of my students to try their best during each and every class (and as the complete work outside of class). As a class of individuals, we must come together to work as a team. We can agree to disagree with our classmates, but we must do so in a respectful and constructive manner. I expect my students to work hard, to ask questions when they do not understand, to have fun, and to continually strive to increase their knowledge and understanding. I strongly encourage students to attend the live classes, but they are not required to do so. If they miss a class, I ask that they view the recording and complete all assignments.

Evaluation:

Journal:	10%
Quizzes:	10%
Class Participation:	20%
Classwork/Homework:	30%
Projects:	30%

Grading Scale:

100-90:	A
89-80:	B
79-70:	C
69-60:	D
59-0:	no effort: F

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Fall 2018

Week	Topic
Week 1	Getting Organized!
Week 2	Managing Our Time / Prioritization
Week 3	Note-Taking
Week 4	Note-Taking
Week 5	Outlining
Week 6	Learning How to Study
Week 7	Study Space and Strategies
Week 8	Test Taking Strategies
Week 9	Reading Comprehension Strategies
Week 10	Putting it All Together