

## Study Tips

Good habits are best developed early. You aren't just learning content, you're also learning study habits that will help you as school gets more challenging.

Everyone learns and studies differently, so there's no right way to do it. There's many study techniques...hopefully you'll find a few that will work for you.

- Studying frequently for shorter times (10-15 minutes) is so much better than 1 or 2 long sessions right before the test.
- Write the information down. We'll write it in your study guide and we'll write it in your spiral. You could also write it on note cards to study or even a piece of paper.
- Add color—highlight or use colored pencils/pens to organize the information and make it easier to see
- Use your study guide. Until you start to remember the information, reading your study guide helps. Once you start to remember, ask someone to use it to quiz you.
- Use your spiral to quiz yourself. Use the flaps to leave the terms hidden and read the definitions. See if you can match the terms and then check your answers.
- Write the information on notecards. Write the term on one side and definition on the other. Start by looking at the definition side and answering with the matching terms. When you get good and want a challenge, see if you can reverse this—look at the term and say the whole definition.
- Put your Notecards in piles to save studying time. Go through your notecards and if you get it right (be honest!), put it in the YES pile. If you don't, put it in the NO pile. When you're done you'll know which terms you have memorized and which you need to work on. Spend most of your time (every day) on the NO pile. If you get a card right, move it to the YES pile. Since you know them and just don't want to forget, you can go over the YES pile less frequently (every other day? Every third day?). If you miss one, move it to the NO pile for extra practice.
- Make mnemonics (acronyms, rhymes, silly songs) to remember terms
- Use Quizlet to study cards. You can star the cards you don't know and then choose to only study those. You can add and remove stars any time.
- If it's a math test, do any of the above to learn terms and formulas, but more importantly, practice some problems. Look back at the lessons we covered and try some of the problems over again—especially ones you got wrong. If you can't solve a problem, ask for help.