“How to Succeed in Science” Helpful Hints & Study Tips

MYP Assignments are required assignments

Hint 1... Be Prepared Be Organized
Turn all work in on time with your name written on your papers.
Take time to organize assignments at school, in your book bag, and at home. Check your book bag in the evening to make sure finished assignments are packed. Double check your work to ensure answers are correct. Turn in all work when due and make sure all assignments have your name on papers!
Make it a habit to...
* Stay organized; Class work & homework papers should have a special place in your book bag
* Be prepared for class; Work and needed supplies should be near or on desk i.e. pencils, colored pencils, tape, etc
* Write your name on papers when you receive assignments and turn in all work on due date.

Hint 2... Find one special place to do your work at home. Avoid distractions.
Stay away from your COMPUTER if you are tempted to play computer games!
Some students like to study in a quiet place while other students study best with music in the background. Find a comfortable place and study there regularly whether it is at your kitchen table, at a desk, on the sofa or in a favorite chair. It is best to study a little every night instead of cramming the night before a test.

Hint 3... Be the Little Engine that could - “I think I can, I think I can, I KNOW I CAN!”
Studying requires a can do attitude often perseverance. “If at first you don't succeed... Try, try again.” Be calm and patient with yourself as you review what you need to know. “Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.”

Hint 4... Understand the content! Ask questions in class.
Just because you can read the words does not mean you understand what is written.
Many students feel any time spent studying counts as real studying, but that is not true. Science texts are usually harder to read than a novel. Lots of Information Compacted! Do you understand what you read?

Hint 5... Rest and Eat! This is medically proven!
Get plenty of REST and eat NUTRITIOUS foods, include breakfast. Your brain will not be able to focus and think critically if you are not well rested and well nourished. Everyone needs a good night’s sleep each night.

Test Taking Tips:

Hint 6... Make a Study Guide and/or create tests. Swap papers with friend to review.
Make a list of important information and key vocabulary terms from unit. Compare your study list of key terms with another student’s list of important concepts. Or... Make a quiz yourself or have someone else help you. Swap your study guide and quiz you made with a classmate. See if he or she can complete your study guide. Write down questions you need to review with another student or teacher before test day.

Hint 7... Study with a Friend(s) and/or teach someone.
Quiz each other, use flash cards or just ask each other questions. Explain to a parent, grandparent, brother or sister the material you are studying. Be a teacher - You teach them!

○ Notes: Review your study materials and class notes before tests and quizzes. Focus on things that you are hard for you to understand. Work to understand those things.

○ Make flash cards: Index cards you make are great to use to practice understanding vocabulary.

*** If you follow all the steps above and still struggle, ask me for Help! ***