



Hints for Homework

Amy has her evening planned. She'll do her math homework before dinner, then follow up dessert with English and science. Afterwards, she can unwind from a busy day.

with the hard stuff. This "save the easiest for last" strategy will help your student finish on a high note, perhaps inspiring her to get in some extra studying.

schoolers have time during study period or a flex hour to tackle homework at school. Encourage your child to complete assignments during those times during the school day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MJHS Student Council Food Drive <i>Spring into Action to Make a Difference</i>	Apr. 8 to Apr. 16
8th Grade MLT Assembly	Apr. 10
8th Grade Real World Program	Apr. 11
JH/HS Drama Club Performance <i>Princess and the Pea</i> Time: 7:00pm	Apr. 12 & Apr. 13
NS/JH/HS Chorus Concert Location: Marshall JHS Time: 7:00pm	Apr. 15
4th Quarter Progress Reports	Apr. 16
Grandparents Raising Grandkids Meeting (3-4:00pm in JH Library)	Apr. 17
2:00pm Dismissal for Spring Break	Apr. 17
No School - Spring Break	Apr. 18 Apr. 19
Happy Easter	Apr. 21
No School - Spring Break	Apr. 22
School Resumes	Apr. 23
NS/JH/HS Band Concert Location: Marshall JHS Time: 7:00pm	May 1

Think About Time

Sound impossible? It's not. Help your middle schooler make homework go like clockwork with these strategies.

Think It Through

Before your youngster begins, have her make a to-do list. *Example:* write a poem, read a history chapter, solve 10 math problems.

Then, suggest that she number the tasks, from toughest to easiest, and start



Think Positive

Help your student see homework as a chance to prove his independence by getting his work done on time and doing it by himself.

Boost his confidence by telling him, "Homework gives you a chance to show all that you know." And give him a thumbs-up when he does just that.

Source: *Middle Years*, Spring 2016

Ask your child to consider different time slots she can use to get work done. For instance, maybe she could set aside a weekend morning or Sunday night.

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Message from the Principal

Spring has sprung and now is a great time to help keep your student from getting "spring fever". Here are some tips from *The Parent Institute* that could be revisited to help your student continue to be successful when the weather may dictate otherwise.

There is no recipe for creating a successful student. But, successful students do seem to have some things in common:

1. Their parents encourage and support them.
2. Their parents limit and monitor the amount and quality of screen time they have.
3. They get enough sleep and exercise.
4. Their parents make sure children eat breakfast before they come to school.
5. Parents expect their children to work very hard and to be successful.
6. They attend school regularly.
7. Their parents expect them to show respect to all adults they meet, including adult that they see in school.
8. They have responsibilities at home.

We feel very fortunate at MJHS to have successful students, in large part, due to the parent who support them. Without you parents encouraging, pushing, and maybe even threatening once in a while, our students could not achieve as they do. Again, thank you for your support of Marshall Junior High School.

Tony Graham, MJHS Principal
It's a great day to be a Lion Cub!



MJHS News Shorts



One Last Dance



The junior high booster club will be sponsoring a final dance for all Marshall 8th graders. It will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 6:30-8:30pm in the MJHS gym. This year's theme is *Super Hero*. Admission is \$2.00.

Sixth Grade Orientation

MJHS PAWS group is making plans for helping our sixth graders transition to the Jr. High. Annually, 7th grade PAWS members visit each sixth grade classroom and talk about information regarding Jr. High life and answer any questions students may have at that time. Our classroom visits at North are scheduled for April 29 and May 1 this year. In addition, 8th grade PAWS members will guide a tour of the Jr. High to each of the sixth grade groups. Our tours are scheduled for May 2. These efforts continue to be beneficial in helping incoming students feel more at ease in this transition.

8th Grade Trip Information

Each spring, at the beginning of May, Marshall 8th grade students have the opportunity to travel on an end of the year field trip. This is a trip that is a privilege and is earned throughout the school year. Parents and student will be notified with a letter home of their student's trip eligibility within the month. For a student to earn this trip they must meet acceptable criterion in three areas:

Academics

*Students earning trip privilege may not have more than one failing class per quarter

Attendance

*Students earning trip privilege may not have an unexcused absence during the year

Conduct

*Students earning trip privilege may not have more than two afterschool detentions and no In-school or Out-of School suspensions

Welcome to the Real World!



The 8th Grade Math Students in Mrs. Huffington's class are learning what it's like to be a part of the "Real World". After our Illinois State Testing, the students took on the persona of a "25 year old, who is single with no children and has completed the necessary requirements of their chosen profession". On day one, a decent annual salary was put on the board. After breaking the salary down into monthly payments, taking out taxes and paying all necessary bills, it was easy for the students to see how quickly money is spent. Since then, the students have selected their career, learned the difference between a Want and Need, how to write checks and balance their checkbook, talked about the difference between a Debit and Credit Card and how to use and manage both accounts. The students then had the chance to complete their own simulation, sponsored by the U of I Extension Office, lead by Jessie Crews and assisted by many other community members and organization. We would like to thank to all of the local business leaders, city leaders, and volunteers for their time and advice that was shared with our students.



The 7th grade computer class competed in the third quarter Shark Tank competition. Each quarter the computer class mini-course gets split into five groups based on their personality traits and decides on a realistic social entrepreneurship idea that 7th graders could accomplish with little to no help from adults. All of the presentations were terrific. The third quarter group focused largely on helping the elderly and helping homeless pets. The students were great presenters. A big thanks goes out to Tiffany Macke from the Extension Office for making it all possible. A special thanks also goes out to the judges: Joel Sims, Jennifer Bishop, and John Kuhn.



DETERMINATION - Taking control and responsibility for one's life, and experiencing the consequences of our choices.

Congratulations to our March Students of the Month!



**7th Graders: Skye Parris and Trey Hammons (Not pictured)
8th Graders: Molly Titus and Skylar Simon**