

Study tips for Pennwood Parents and Students

The following helpful tips are for parents and students to help with organizational skills, good study habits, and communication between home and the school:

1. Assignments need to be filled out in the assignment book on a **daily** basis.
2. Students only have a **half hour** of time at the end of the day during Resource Period to get homework completed. Math is the recommended subject to work on since it usually will take about ½ hour to complete. Resource Period is a time that should be utilized for **homework completion, seeking teacher help, and/or using a free reading book for homework or pleasure.**
3. All other homework assignments that are not completed during the Resource Period time should be **brought home. Parents should review the homework that their child says they completed in school.**
4. Once the student is home, homework can be double checked by either parent or student by comparing it to the **homework hotline – online.** Please compare what is on the homework hotline to your child's assignment book to check for accuracy. Instructions for this are as follows:
 - Go to **Pennsbury School District** (google)
 - Go to **Schools** and click on **Pennwood Middle School**
 - Once on Pennwood's screen click on the **Homework** icon
 - Next, click on your child's team (**All Stars, Adventurers, Innovators, etc.**)
 - Then click **each of your child's teachers individually** to see what they have for homework assignments as well as upcoming information about tests, quizzes and projects.
5. Your child needs an organized binder system for each of their core subjects, so that once they have completed their homework, they know exactly where they are putting it. That way they can easily retrieve it the next day for the assigned teacher. Please see your child's teachers or counselor for suggestions on an effective binder system that may work for your child.
6. **If your child tells you that they have completed all of their homework in school, please question this. As stated before,**

they only have ½ hour to complete assignments at the end of the day. Therefore, all incomplete work needs to come home to be done for homework.

7. If your child informs you that they left their homework at school, please know that the **building is open until 8:00pm** and you can get into the building through the pool entrance or by the boy's gym.
8. Study skills are also an important aspect of academic success. Please help your child learn how to study effectively, either by helping them outline their chapters in their books, use the Cornell Notes style, or flash cards, etc. Many kids just don't know how to study or don't want to take the time to really understand the context of the chapters/teacher notes, etc.
9. If your child is absent, please remind them that they not only need to make up the work that they missed the day they were absent, but they still need to turn in the homework that was assigned the prior day to their absence. **Ultimately when a child is absent they need to turn in 2 missed assignments!**
10. Last, but not least, please keep communication open between parents, students and teachers. If you are questioning something that is on the homework online versus what your child has written in their assignment book, please don't hesitate to contact the teacher of that subject area. Phone calls and emails are welcome. Please contact your counselor if you want an updated report on how your child is doing with these new study skills in place.

Good Luck! Please let us support you – Parents and Students!
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