

A composite image for the top half of the slide. The left side shows a stack of white papers on a light blue background. The right side shows a blurred analog clock on a pink background.

Study Skills

A composite image for the bottom half of the slide. The left side shows a stack of papers on a light green background. The right side shows a clear analog clock on a yellow background.

Skills necessary to succeed in
Middle School

Myths and misconceptions

- Students still believe in luck.
- They think kids get good grades because teachers like them.
- They believe that only the “*smart kids*” will get the good grades.
- They believe that “only poor students have to study and that working for something is somehow a badge of dishonor”.



The left side of the slide features a vertical stack of four images. From top to bottom: a clock with a blue face and black hands on a red background; a clock with a yellow face and black hands on a blue background; a stack of several books with white pages on a green background; and a stack of several books with white pages on a purple background.

School Survival Skills

- GET ORGANIZED!
- Have a place to study at home.
- Develop a system to keep track of important papers.
- Use a planner to keep track of assignments.
- Estimate how long each assignment will take.
- Break big projects into smaller ones.

Studying for Tests

- Rereading is not learning
 - practice active learning
 - highlighting notes, marking key textbook passages, making study cards, and/or mapping and diagramming concepts
- Find your productive time of the day
- Find ways to memorize important information
- Make the most of your time
- Know the basics
- DE-STRESS





Improve Study Skills

- **Appropriate study environment**
- **Calm attitude**
- **Take good notes**
- **Pay attention in class**
- **Effective memorization methods**
- **Effective time management**
- **Focused study groups**
- **Crucial essay writing skills**



Develop effective methods

- practice with flashcards;
- ask someone to quiz you;
- read; reread; and highlight your notes;
- summarize; read your notes; read your notes aloud;
- organize your papers so you are working with everything you need;
- outline or make a graphic version of written work (lists, columns, Venn diagrams, etc.);
- quiz yourself;
- write memory work over and over until you feel confident;

Develop effective methods continued...

- use a worksheet as a quiz by covering over the answers and re-doing it;
- look over old quizzes and try to figure out why you're making mistakes;
- look over the returned assignments for the unit;
- answer study guide questions;
- tell someone else what the topic is about;
- look up the parts of the assignments that you didn't understand the first time.



Effective time management

- Target the areas that need study
- Assess your strengths and weaknesses
- Distribute your time accordingly



Resources

- **How To Improve Study Skills in Middle School**
By [Mariya Malter](#)
<http://www.howtodothings.com/education/a2964-how-to-improve-study-skills-in-middle-school.html>
- **Study Skills for Middle School and Beyond** By
Linda Strean, GreatSchools Staff
<http://www.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/700>
- **Teaching Study Skills: Ideas That Work!** By Cara
Bafile [http://www.education-
world.com/a_curr/profdev064.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/profdev064.shtml)
- **"The Learning Games" Helping College
Students Succeed by a Reading Specialist,**
Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson,
Kansas <http://www.hutchcc.edu/faculty/murphye/>

