Grades and Organization

How to be a GO Middle School Student: What matters and why

Mini Seminar #2

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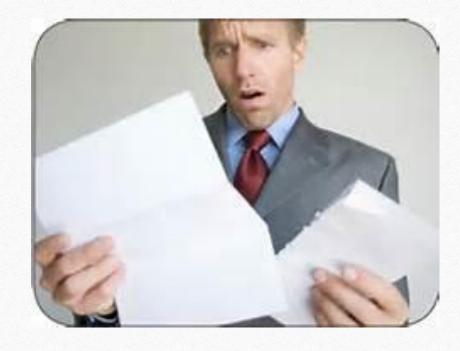


Good Surprise



Bad Surprise





Examples of Surprises

- Good Surprises
 - Finding \$\$\$ in your pocket
 - Favorite food stocked in the pantry
 - Annoying sibling staying the night with someone else
 - Cancelled test
 - Higher grade than expected

- Bad Surprises
 - Losing money
 - Sold out movie
 - Sibling having an annoying friend spend the night
 - Unexpected test
 - Lower grade than expected



Life is full of surprises, but you can still prepare to help cut back on the unpleasant surprises

Let's Talk About Grades

The Meaning Behind the Number

Grades tell us...

- You are responsible
- You are organized
- You know yourself
- You know how to prepare
- You know what is expected

- You can manage time and balancing priorities
- You are focused
- You are improving
- You are learning how to adapt
- You are learning the material
- You have come to class consistently

Why Should You Check/Be Concerned About Your Grades

- Teachers are human...we can make mistakes
- Reminds you of what assignments you may need to make up
- Grades are often the standard used by admissions personnel and the like to help predict future success
- Make a good habit of checking on progress...in the future it may not be grades, but a bank account, or credit card statement
- Cuts back on surprises

How Do I Check My Grades?

- Ren Web- Online or App
 - You must know your user name and password
- Ren Web
- Or you can go to the main **Brook Hill** page



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Our Lives Are Hectic and It Will Only Increase

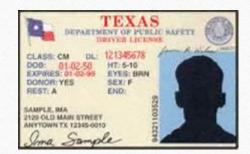




After school Activities



Driver's License



The more responsibility you get, the more people expect of you.

- Step 1- Declutter
 - The more stuff you have, the harder it is to find what you really need
 - The less stuff you have, the easier it is to keep up with everything
- Step 2- Planner
 - Take the guess work out of it
 - Smartphone/Digital Planners at <u>appcrawler</u>
 - Hard copy planners at <u>Success by Design</u>

- Step 3- Take a look ahead every Sunday night
 - Log in to Ren Web/Moodle and take a look at the upcoming week
 - Make notes in your calendar
 - Clean out your backpack and set it out for the next day
- Step 4- Folders
 - Homework folders (to be completed, completed, long term assignments)

- Step 5- Desk/Work area
 - Have one
 - Make sure it is organized
 - Check your supplies (pencils, paper, etc. and make a note for your parents of items you need to replace)
- Step 6- Daily Tasks
 - Go through folders
 - Have backpack and other supplies set out for the next morning
 - Check off completed tasks

Reward Yourself

- It is important to have something to look forward to in order to get you through tough moments
 - Ice cream
 - Video game
 - Free reading
- Reward yourself for progress
 - If I make ---- grade or above on my next test, I can have a friend over/get a new shirt/etc
 - If I do all of the check list steps for 4 weeks, I can get ---- or I can go---

Are You An Organized Student?

- Now what?
 - You are going to take a short quiz to identify areas you might need to address in your life as a student
- You will receive a handout with information you need to help you on your organizational journey
- Ask questions and find what works for you!

Quiz Time

Are you organized quiz