


Conquering Tests: Show what you know!



1. Get Started! The time to start learning information is as soon as the teacher talks about it!

- Take Notes: Use the 2 column note taking system. Make sure you can read them and that they make sense to you
- Make meaningful flashcards
- Do your homework!
- Ask questions right away
- Listen---highlight clues your teacher gives
 - “Write this down”
 - “I am going to say this again”
 - “This is important”
 - “Remember this....”
 - “To summarize....”
 - What are other things your teachers say?
- Stay organized – keep your information on each section together!

2. Getting Ready for a Specific Test

- Mark the date in your assignment book
- Plan a study schedule
 - Divide information over several nights. For instance, if a test is over 3 chapters study a chapter a night and leave the last night for review of all the information. Or “chunk the information” so you are studying different sections each night.
 - Decide how long you will study each night – remember to plan where and when you will study!
- Make sure you have all your information you need: textbooks, class notes, homework, review guidelines, old quizzes and supplies like highlighters, post it notes, pencil and a calculator.



3. Studying Tips

- ❖ Highlight important information on notes, homework and old quizzes
- ❖ Review past graded homework and quizzes to review the mistakes you made.
- ❖ Answer questions from the review sections at the end of the chapters
- ❖ Have a parent or friend quiz you.



- ❖ Teach the main ideas to someone else.
- ❖ Use memory strategies to remember difficult information
- ❖ Talk out loud to yourself as you study.
- ❖ Make study guides to help: outlines, timelines, write your own quiz.
- ❖ Information in bold letters is important!
- ❖ Prioritize the information you need to study – don't over study the information you already know! Study red information the most then yellow!

Red	Yellow	Green
Your answer is a guess! Start learning this information—soon it will be in the green column!	You think you know the answer Review this information some—you need a little more practice to move this to the green column!	You know the answer-don't study anymore!

Important Tips!

- Going over information several days—especially dates or other facts - is how your brain remembers the information!
- Writing information down helps you remember.
- Make your own personal checklist for things you want to remember when taking a test—based on what you need reminders for. An example of a math test might be:
 - Did I copy the information correctly?
 - Did I label my answers?
 - Did I use the right operation?
 - Did I look at the answer to see if it makes sense?

