

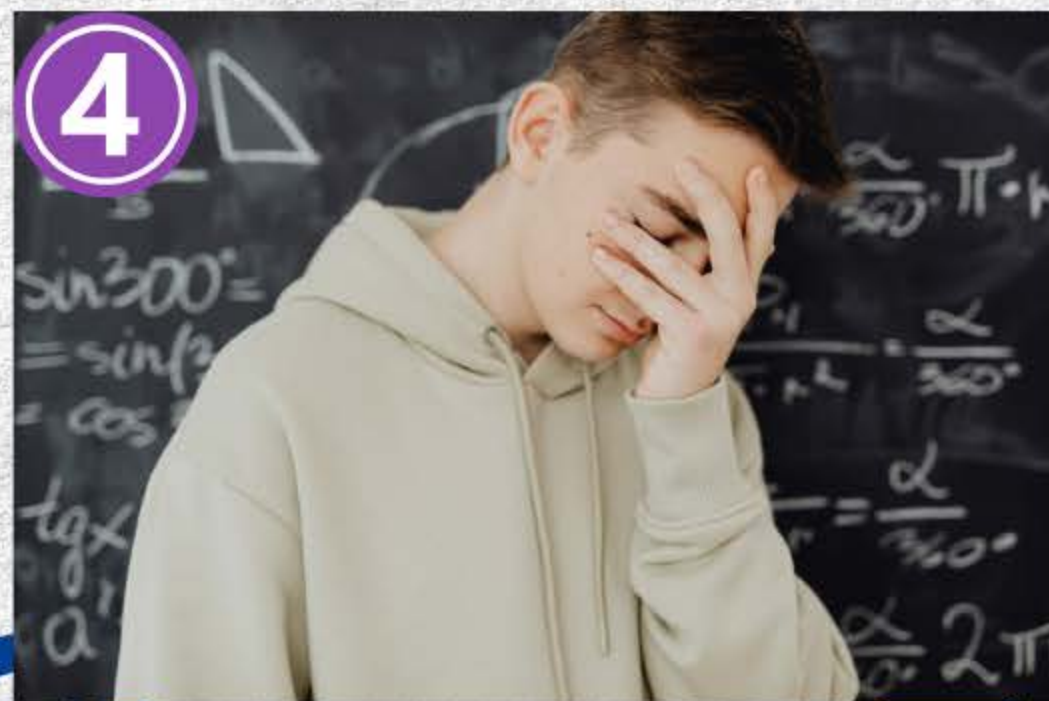
7TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Navigating 7th Grade: Tools for Parents





LET'S FLASH BACK TO MIDDLE SCHOOL



OUR OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY'S SESSION

☒ Provide an Overview of the 7th Grade Experience

☒ Support a Smooth Transition Through
Communication & Resources

☒ Foster Strong School-Home Partnerships





WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM



Let's check
out the
family guide



MARIETTA MIDDLE

A FAMILY GUIDE TO
MIDDLE SCHOOL



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WHO TO CONTACT



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If you have questions about...	Contact Name	Email Address
Absences	Front Office	mms@marietta-city.org
Transportation Changes/ Late Arrivals/ Early Pickup	Front Office	mmstransportation@marietta-city.org
Student Academic Progress or Conference	Teacher	(see teacher's email address on the website)
Class Schedule	Mary Thurman	mthurman@marietta-city.org
7th Grade Discipline	Anthony Booker	abooker@marietta-city.org
8th grade Discipline	Brandon McIntosh	bmcintosh@marietta-city.org
Health/ Medical Concerns or Questions	School Nurse	sgrantham@marietta-city.org
Emotional Issues Affecting a Student (including family changes, stress, or depression)	School Counselor	(see the counselor's email on the previous page)
Special Education questions	Vanessa Mclver	vmciver@marietta-city.org

BELL SCHEDULE

Arrival	7:15 - 7:40 am
1 st	7:45 - 8:30 am
2 nd	8:35 - 9:20 am
3 rd	9:25 - 10:10 am
4 th	10:15 - 11:00 am
5 th	11:05 - 11:50 am
6 th	11:55 - 12:40 pm
7 th	12:45 - 1:30 pm
8 th	1:35 - 2:30 pm

ENGAGE | DISCOVER | EXCEL



- Students can enter the building at 7:15 AM
- Students are tardy after 7:45 AM
- No student checkout or transportation changes after 1:00 PM
- Email absence and late excuse notes to mms@marietta-city.org



UNIFORMS



MARIETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL



UNIFORMS

SHIRT OPTIONS:

- Shirts of any color but they must feature the Marietta logo or related Marietta team wording.
- Students may wear plain black/grey/navy/white visible t-shirts.
- MMS spirit wear shirts – Check the PTSA website for other purchasing information and options.

OUTERWEAR/JACKETS/OTHER:

- Outerwear must be in solid black, grey, navy, or white or feature the Marietta logo or related Marietta team wording.
- Non-MMS/ Marietta logo outerwear is allowed **only** in solid navy, solid grey, solid black, or solid white.
- Graphic hoodies/sweatshirts are not allowed.
- Hoods are not allowed on the head while in the building.
- Students must wear a Marietta shirt or plain black/grey/navy/white t-shirts under their outerwear.
- Non-MMS coats may be worn to and from school but must remain unzipped to display uniform.

PANTS, SHORTS, & SKIRTS:

- Joggers/sweatpants/jeans/leggings/slacks in khaki/tan, grey, navy, white, or black are acceptable without rips, holes, or fringes. *Pajama pants are not allowed.*
- Skirts/skorts must be mid-thigh or longer in khaki, grey, navy, white, or black.
- Shorts in khaki/tan, grey, navy, white, or black are acceptable without rips, holes, or fringes. *Spandex biker shorts are not allowed.*

SHOES:

- Shoes should be closed-toe and appropriate for a school environment.
- Flip flops, sandals without a back strap, heels above two inches, and slides are not permitted.
- Athletic shoes are recommended.

NON COMPLIANCE IS CONSIDERED A DRESS CODE OFFENSE.



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CELL PHONES & YONDR POUCHES



At MMS, we are proud to provide our students with a multitude of technological resources. Our classrooms are fully equipped with wireless laptops, printers, and interactive display boards, all of which are integral to our lessons. Students are expected to utilize these resources with the utmost responsibility and respect. Any misuse may result in loss of privileges.

****Personal iPads, tablets, Chromebooks, and gaming devices are not permitted at school.***



Cell phones and Smart Watches:

- Cell phones must be turned off and put away when students enter the building.
- Cell phones and smart watches must be placed in the Yondr Pouches before security screening or upon late arrival.
- Cell phones and smart watches must remain in Yondr Pouches all day.
- Cell phones and smart watches will be unlocked from Yondr Pouches in 8th Period or at check out.



YONDR POUCH



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

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ARRIVAL:

- Students from buses on Winn St. must enter the building through the Auditorium entrance.
- Students from buses on Polk St. must enter the building by room 272 or the main entrance.
- Students who are car riders may enter through the bottom floor of the 400 building.
- Students will place their cell phones and smart watches in Yondr pouches prior to security screening

WALKER PROCEDURES:

- All walkers must have a walker pass.
- Families should send a note or email to the front office to indicate that their student will be a walker.
- The front office staff will call the student from class to provide them with the walker pass.

DISMISSAL

- Dismissal will occur during a 5-minute block at the end of the day.
- Students' cellphones and smart watches will be unlocked from Yondr pouches prior to dismissal.
- The student body will be split into two groups:
 - Students transitioning from the 400 building.
 - Students transitioning from the main building.
- Bus riders walk to Winn or Polk St to board their buses.
- Car riders and walkers must use the Skywalk to walk toward the Big Blue Gym parking lot.

BUS INFORMATION

Information about buses including stop locations and times can be found using this QR Code.



- Same Day Dismissal Change: If a situation arises during the school day where you must make a dismissal change, you may do so before 1:00 PM in one of the following ways:
- Email dismissal change to mmstransportation@marietta-city.org.
- A written notice may be left at the front office.

GRADING AND LATE WORK

GRADE SCALE

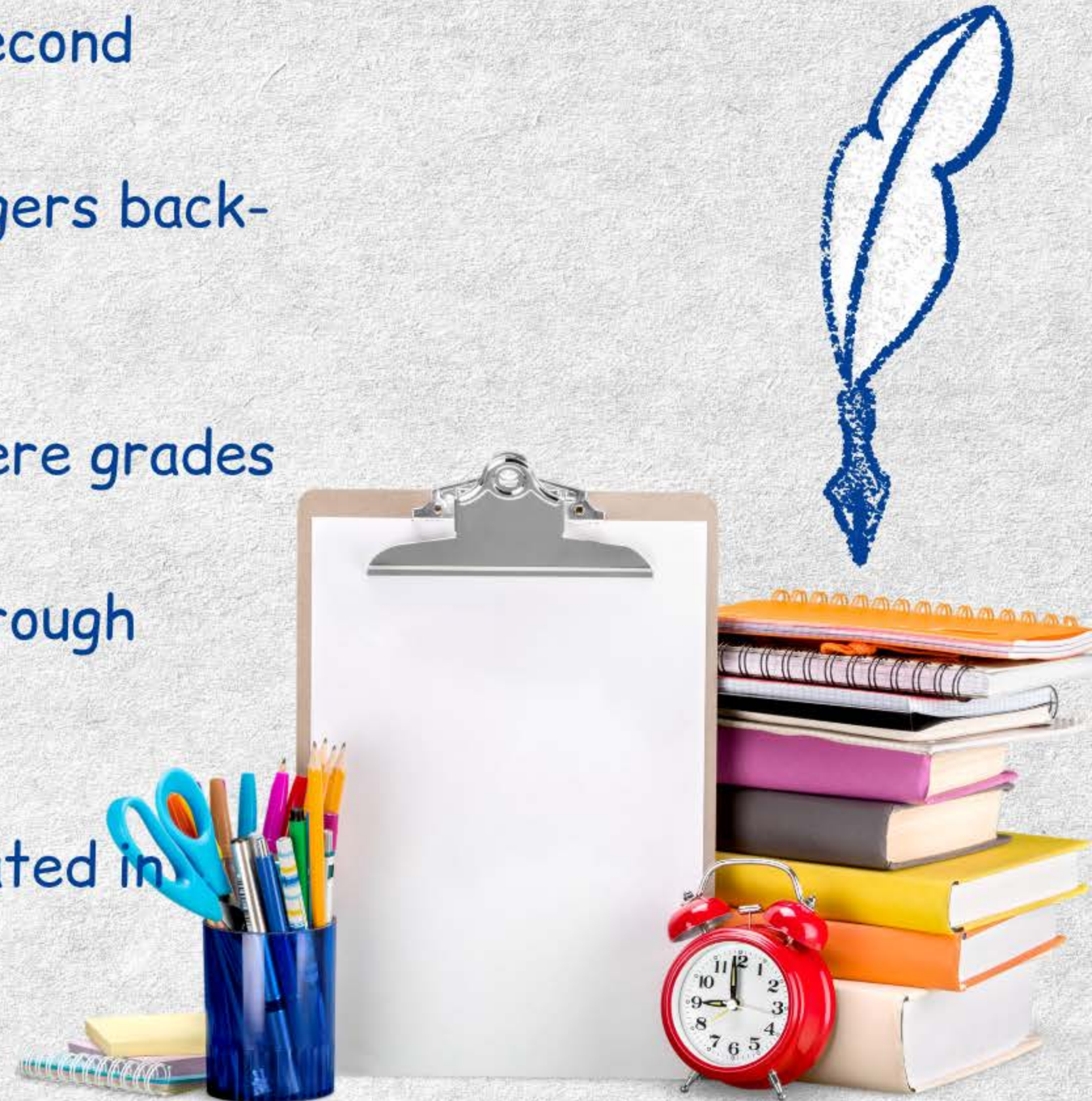
Letter Grade	Numeric Grade
A	100 - 90
B	89 - 80
C	79 - 73
D	72 - 70
F	69 and below

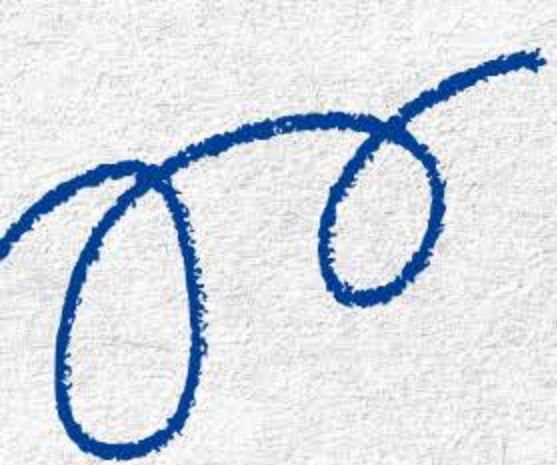
Report Period	Late work must be submitted by the following date.
Q1 Progress	8/18/2025
Q1 Report Card	9/29/2025
Q2 Progress	11/3/2025
Q2 Report Card	12/8/2025
Q3 Progress	1/27/2026
Q3 Report Card	3/2/2026
Q4 Progress	4/13/2026
Q4 Report Card	5/11/2026



CHROMEBOOKS, SCHOOLOGY, & ASPEN

- Chromebooks will be given out beginning the second week of school
 - Students will bring Chromebooks and chargers back-and-forth from home to school
- No personal devices are allowed at MMS
- ASPEN is our student information system, where grades and report card information can be located
 - Student schedules will also be available through ASPEN
- Schoology is our learning information system
 - Important classroom resources can be located in Schoology
 - Schoology grades are not official grades





SCHOOLGY DEMO PAGE



Course Options

Materials

Course Objectives

Updates

Gradebook

Grade Setup

Mastery

Badges

Attendance

Members

Analytics

Workload Planning

Aspen

Canva for Education

Clever

Destiny

Discovery Education

Edpuzzle

Google Classroom Import

Great Minds

K-5 System 44/Read 18...

LockDown Browser

Joey Demo Course: Section 1

Marietta City School District

Add Materials

Options

All Materials

Student and Family Resources (Translate to Spanish & Portuguese)

Course Syllabus 13 KB

Digital Textbook

Reference Material

The Encyclopedia of Course Design

Lexis Nexis

Study Guides

Unit 1 Study Guide.docx

Unit 3: Title (DD/MM - DD/MM)

Unpublished

Unit 2: Where do Lessons Come From? (8/29 - 9/12)

Unpublished

Unit 1: How a Course is Made (8/1 - 8/28)

Unit 1 Study Guide.docx

L1: When Bits Become Bytes (8/1 - 8/6)

Lesson Plan/Agenda

Lesson Slideshow

U1L1 Classwork

U1L1 Homework

L2: A PDF in the Cloud is worth two on the Server (8/8-8/12)

Lesson 3 (dates)

Lesson 4 (Dates) (Unit Test)



Notifications

Upcoming



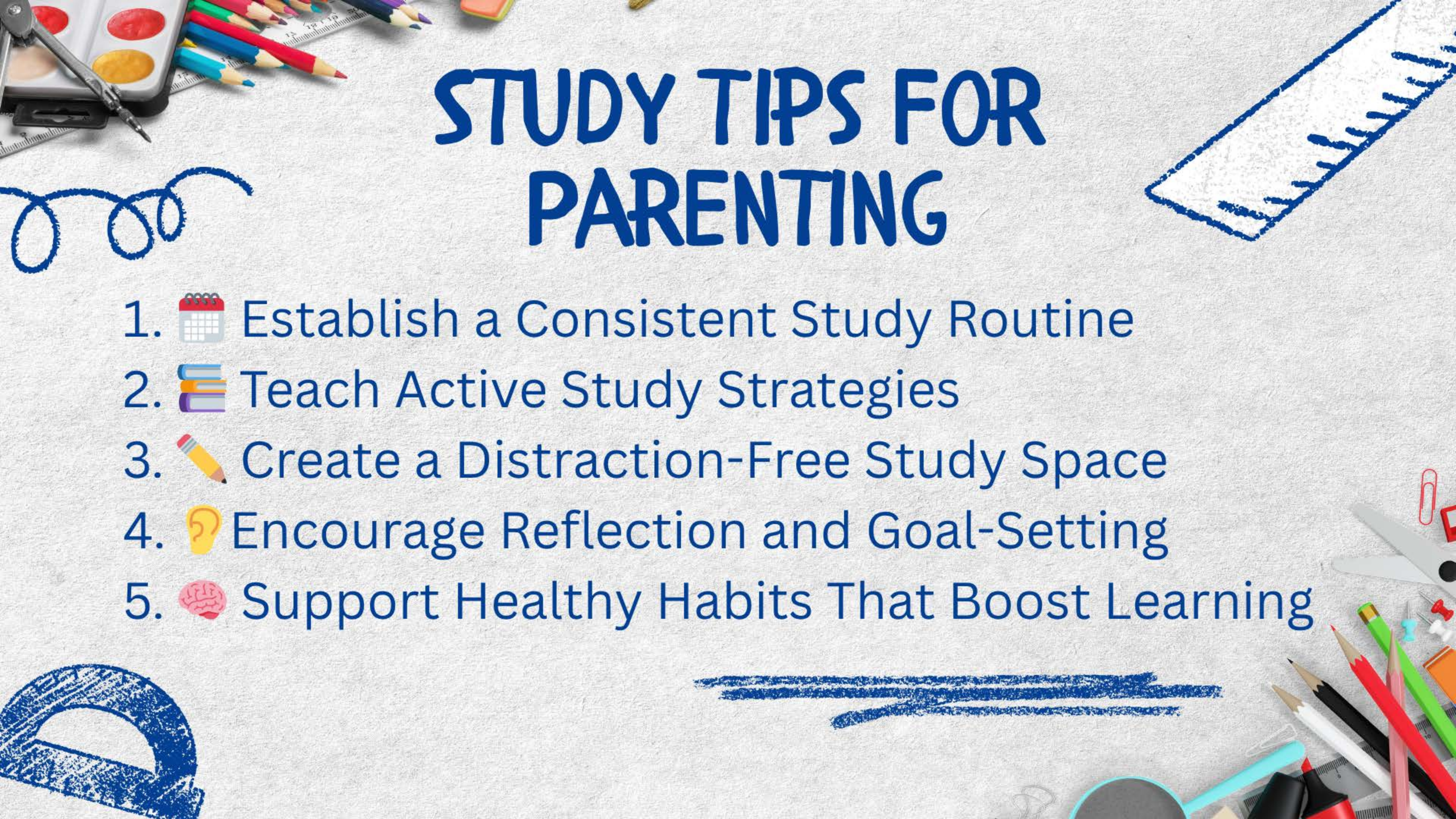
Add Event

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

U1L1 Classwork 2:00 pm

Thursday, July 31, 2025

U1L1 Homework 8:00 am



STUDY TIPS FOR PARENTING

1. 📅 Establish a Consistent Study Routine
2. 📖 Teach Active Study Strategies
3. 🖍 Create a Distraction-Free Study Space
4. 🧠 Encourage Reflection and Goal-Setting
5. 🧠 Support Healthy Habits That Boost Learning

USING CHAT GPT TO HELP WITH PARENTING

- 💡 How Parents Can Support Safe AI Use
 - Encourage students to use AI with adult guidance
 - Talk about ethical use and academic honesty
 - Promote curiosity and critical thinking—AI is a helper, not a shortcut
- ✅ Learning Support & Study Tools
 - Brainstorming topics for projects
 - Ask about historical events
- ⚠️ What AI Should Not Be Used For
 - Copying answers for assignments or tests
 - Submitting AI-generated work as their own without understanding it
 - Bypassing learning or thinking critically





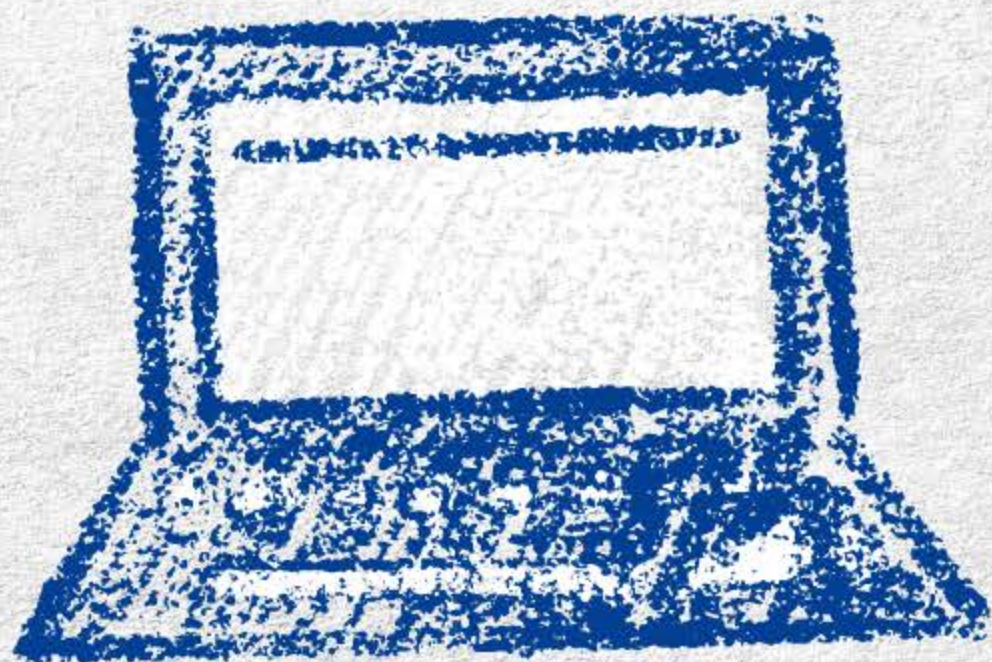
LET'S TRY OUT CHAT GPT



- Make the math concept of slope relatable to a middle schooler so they can understand how it works.
- Could you give me easy ways to help my child study for a test on Friday? Today is Wednesday, and she has a volleyball game tonight.
- I'm running behind and don't know what to cook for dinner for the next three nights. One kid hates broccoli, and another only eats chicken. Give me three 30-minute or less dinner ideas for this week. Give me a grocery list.



PLEASE SHARE FEEDBACK



Grab a study sheet
and timer!

