

## Tips for Studying Success

### When a study guide comes home for science or social studies,

...don't put off using it to study. ☺

...break it into parts. You will almost always have at least a week between receiving the study guide and the evidence piece. Study only the first part the first night. The second night add part two and review part one. Do this again the third night. Finally add part three and review parts one and two. This helps your brain to chunk the information and prevents brain overload (which is never a good thing!) ☺ Try to make it into a story rather than a list of facts or information they are attempting to memorize (especially for social studies).

### When helping your child study for a Wordly Wise or root word assessment...

...the goal is not to memorize definitions. Students should be familiar enough with the words to recognize their correct use and to use them in context. A good way to help them is to work the words into your conversations. Also, use the practice packet (Wordly Wise) and practice worksheet (root words) to review. Students also have a word study notebook with all the root words and their definitions. They can and should be bringing these home.

### When helping your child study for spelling....

...have them use the Spelling City website to practice. No parent needed. ☺

...make up sentences using the words in which some words are spelled correctly and others aren't, in order to mimic the test.

...make sure that your child practices a little bit each night rather than conducting a "cram session" on Thursday night.

### When math evidence pieces come home, consider....

...reviewing any sections of the evidence piece that your child did not do well on.

We will review in class as well, but any extra attention you can give to skills that they struggled with is appreciated.

...making up new problems over the next week or so that are similar to the problems they missed to help them rehearse the skill for the new evidence piece they will complete later.

### When your child comes home and tells you he or she has no homework, remember....

...they can go online and practice on DreamBox (math), SRA Online (reading), and i-Ready (reading). They can access these websites through our classroom website at [thespenspin.weebly.com](http://thespenspin.weebly.com). If all else fails, remember he or she can always read to work toward conquering the 40 book challenge! ☺

Thank you for taking the time to read this! Hopefully you found it to be helpful.