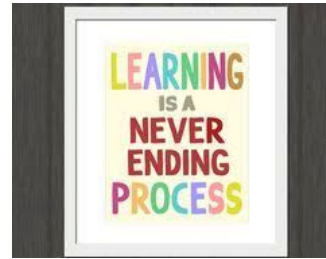


Dear Student and Parents,

12/05/17

Can you believe we are in the second trimester? My goodness, where has the time gone. Time is going by extremely fast and I want to address the study logs, homework, and focus in and out of the classroom.

I need the help from all parents. I have explained the importance and the why of the study logs to the students. I have explained that study logs are mandatory and a weekly grade. I have too many students from all middle school grades who are not completing or turning in study logs. This is very concerning to me. Not only is it a grade, but it is a skill that is needed to be successful for the student's success through their educational journey. If students get these skills early and get into the habit of studying, their success is going to skyrocket.



I want to share this. I have homework, it is reading The Talent Code. As I was reading Chapter 2, I got really excited because it was about biology (my area of expertise). It is talking about myelin and how we ourselves can build more myelin which increases our knowledge (in short). They talk about deep-practice, which in most regards is studying outside of the classroom. In order for any student (young or old), studying is practicing the information learned in a classroom setting. I explained to them that at first playing a new electronic game, you may not be as good at the game and keep losing. However, after continuous playing of the game (practicing, studying) you eventually get better and starting winning. This same concept is true with concepts being taught in your student's classes. They have to study (practice) to get better at understanding the information they are learning. I have placed a link on the classroom website ([www.msskhscience.weebly.com](http://www.msskhscience.weebly.com)) under class information in the Parent University section to videos discussing [Myelin and How Our Brain Works](#). They are all relatively short and encourage you to view.

This second trimester, I have explained to students that I will not be giving alternative assignments to make-up not turning in their study logs. Study logs are to be completed nightly and turned in on Fridays unless otherwise stated due to short weeks. If your student is absent, they are still responsible for studying and completing their study logs.

As always, I want nothing more to help our students be as successful as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and we can schedule a meeting after school. I appreciate your support to ensure success for your child(ren).

Thank you,  
Ms. Hughes