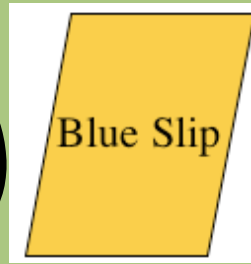
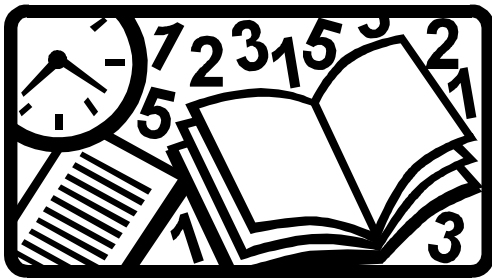


Pulling Through



Homework/Blue Slips at Odyssey

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Switching from doing fifth grade homework to sixth grade homework was a big

leap for me. I am going to give you some pointers on how to make it easier. One very helpful pointer is something that I'm sure that you know, but at Odyssey, it is very helpful. It is to use your time wisely. Never do big assignments the day before it is due. You should do little pieces of the assignments each day. Another good pointer for homework is to go to tutoring. Tutoring is when you stay after school and go one on one with a teacher and ask her/him questions. The teachers are always there if you need them. When you are doing a lot of homework, I'm sure that you are all usually tired when you have lots of it, or you just had a blank in your mind. That is why it is important to take breaks, to refresh your mind. And finally, when you finish your homework early, it doesn't mean that you

are free. It is a good opportunity to go over any notes that you took down that day. Because you never know, there might be a pop quiz. If you are interested in this, feel free to ask me more questions about homework here. Or you can ask your big sib (you'll find out who your sib is at camp).

Blue Slips

If you don't get a chance to do your homework, you get something called a blue slip. A blue slip is not bad at all. It is just a reminder telling you to do your homework. Your first task of doing your homework is to A) get as much as possible done. B) If you don't get it done, go to the teacher of that subject. C) Be honest with her/him and tell her/him that you didn't get a chance to finish your homework. D) She/He gives you a blue slip. E) You finish the homework later and give it to her/him with the blue slip attached to it. F) Life moves on. When I first got a blue slip, I thought that I was a bad student. But really, it was good that I got a blue slip because nobody is perfect. Again, feel free to ask me questions anytime. Good luck at Odyssey!