Ross Middle School is challenging and encouraging our students to develop the study skills and habits for future achievement in education and the work world through…

Study Skills
BOOT CAMP

During the first month of school, teachers will be explaining and demonstrating techniques that promote organization and ACTIVE LEARNING, rather than the typically ineffective passive approach of "looking over notes". Administrators and counselors will inspect and reward skills to reinforce and encourage students. Students are encouraged to practice the skills throughout the year.

Parents are significant factors in encouraging and reinforcing these key skills at home. Ask your child to show you his/her skills as they develop. Here is our timetable:

Week of Sept. 2	AGENDA	Students will learn to record all assignments, highlight tests and long term assignments and to check off work nightly as it is completed.
Week of Sept. 8	LOCKER	Students will see how to maintain a neat, organized and clean locker by labeling books and folders. Papers should be placed in folders, not loose. Unneeded extra supplies should be stored at home.
Week of Sept. 22	FLASH CARDS	Students will make study cards with vocabulary words or concepts on one side and corresponding information on the back. Color and drawings will help students to recall information better. A few cards can be made each day. Cards can be spread out to illustrate connections or processes. While studying, cards can be separated into piles allowing some to receive more attention until they are mastered.
Week of Sept. 29	M & M's	*Maximizing Memory Strips* allow students to make a matching game out of 2 pieces of corresponding information (i.e. people, dates, events). To make cards, any size index card can be cut in half horizontally. Two different colors should be used to keep cards organized. For example, all terms should be in red and their definition, etc. done in black. Cards can be self-checking by putting matching numbers on the back of each pair. All cards should be placed out on a table and matched up accordingly.