

## EFFECTIVE LEARNING TOOLS – USING STRATEGIES THAT HELP STUDENTS GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR STUDY TIME.

Welcome back to the second edition of our resource newsletter. As we move forward in our learning journey this year, we want to share a few ways you can support your child's homework and study habits at home, especially as students gain access to new learning tools.

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# Resource NEWSLETTER

## Making time in our busy schedules:

### • Establish a homework & study schedule

- Whether it's using an agenda, a whiteboard calendar, or an app on a personal device, it is important to map out specific study times throughout the week. Discuss what works best for your student. Do they need a break after school? Is it better to do homework from 7 to 8? Explore what works best for your student, but a scheduled time and location can make a significant difference. There is always something they can work on. Whether it is completing the worksheet from class, using tools to study for the next test, or correcting formative feedback, there is always something that can help bring those marks up.
- Using a timer to help manage time can help students stay focused. Allo Prof. has a great motivational timer that students can use to guide their study time. [Motivational Timer](#)

**Staying on top of the classwork!!**

*It's hard to study if you haven't already completed the work!*

## Find creative new ways to study!

- **Flashcards and online quizzes**– It is now fast and easy to create digital flashcards using Quizlet or Google Notebook LM, where students can upload their notes from class or PowerPoints.
- **Listening to your notes** – All students have access Read&Write and OrbitNote through their WQSB email. [Read & Write Tutorial](#) & [Orbit Note Tutorial](#)
- **Games and videos** – Many learning support websites, such as Allo Prof, feature games to support in-class learning. Allo Prof also offers crash course videos to help support student learning when students need concept reinforcement in crunch time. [Allo Prof Crash Course Links](#). Another new and interesting way to study is using the students' notes to create a podcast. Using Google Notebook LM, you can explore various interactive options to create a podcast. The following is a link to a cool take on your traditional grade 8 Rocks and Minerals notes. [Gr 8 Rocks & Minerals Podcast](#)

## Using AI tools to guide learning and understanding

- While there are many powerful and accessible AI tools currently available, we also recognize that some students are still learning how to use them responsibly. As tempting as it may be to rely on AI to do the thinking for them, it can actually make learning more difficult down the road, and students are still developing their skills to critique, analyze, and confirm the accuracy of content generated by these powerful tools. Don't forget that AI can be wrong! When AI is used to guide study habits, it can help students stay organized, gain confidence, and deepen their understanding.
- Important notes: Using AI to generate content or complete assignments is academic dishonesty and is considered to be a form of cheating. Please click the link for more details on how to use AI responsibly to help study and how to generate meaningful prompts to guide study sessions: [Learning to Use AI](#)