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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT EOG PREP

You know the old saying, “practice makes perfect?” Well, the very same can be said when it comes to test-taking success - particularly when it comes to high-stakes, high-pressure tests like End of Grade exams. Believe it or not, the foundation is laid well before your student begins any in-class EOG prep work or practice tests. The seemingly simple, everyday task of homework is an invaluable tool every student - and parent - can use to build a solid base for test-taking. Here’s how:

Set the Schedule: Whether homework begins immediately after school, after practice or playtime, before dinner, etc., agree upon and stick to a regular start time for homework. Like many of us, children respond best to routine. Setting a regular start time will help them learn to budget the clock - a critical test-taking strategy. Bonus: it also eliminates a lot of “conversation” when it’s time to get started!

Start the Clock: Like most tests, standardized tests have a hard start and finish time. Discuss with your student the amount of homework each night and set a goal completion time for the work. Knowing there’s the proverbial “end in sight” helps unpleasant tasks (the not-so-fun ones) seem less daunting, and teaches students to develop a pace and rhythm to their work. That’s a win-win!

Location, location, location: Curled up on the couch with a good book is a great way to relax and unwind, but a lousy way to study. Ditto for headphones, screens, and unnecessary background noise. Not everyone can study in the dank, stone silent libraries of Hogwarts. But a well-lighted desk or table and chair that’s not in the center ring of a circus (or a busy kitchen during dinner preparations!) can be a distraction-free spot for focusing on the task at hand.

Corrections and Review: Here's where the learning happens. Corrections are a big part of the Kumon process. It's where students see and learn from the mistakes they made. The very same lesson applies to homework, too. A thorough review can pick up shortcomings in process, understanding, etc., and teach your student how to effectively review for test day, too!

Provide Positive Feedback: Don't just focus on wrong answers, misspelled words, and errors. Look for areas of improvement, positive change, and greater understanding. As your student sees their positive progress, they'll gain greater confidence in their own abilities as test-takers and life-long learners. And that confidence is something that transcends grades, tests, and homework!