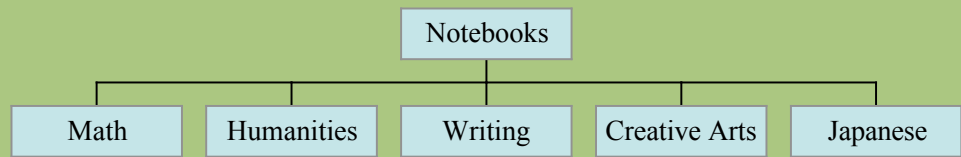


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Don't ever forget your binder!



Odyssey Book of Wisdom, written by the Class of 2007

Organization at Odyssey

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Here at Odyssey, the most important skill to learn is how to be organized. At the beginning of sixth grade, it is OK if you don't know it well, but by the end, what with all the help

from teachers and your friends, you'll have about five perfectly organized binders. Your assignment book, binders, and handouts are just a few items you'll need to take care of.

At the beginning of the year, you'll be given an assignment book. In this spiral bound notebook, you'll learn to write down all the assignments you are given exactly where they should be. Try not to forget! There are columns for Science, Math, Humanities, Japanese, Writing, and Other. There are different rows for the different days of the school week. Feel free to decorate the outside and draw in pages already used. When you receive a handout you'll need for the entire year or trimester, just glue or tape into the inside of your assignment book so you don't lose it.

The next most important items to keep organized are your binders. You'll need a 3-ring binder for almost all the subjects. Be sure to keep these stocked with plenty of paper, dividers, and neat

notes. One sure way to be on your way to excelling is to take neat notes. For most classes, you'll need your notebook (what some teachers call a binder) at every class period. Always have the binders you'll need, and always put your homework in the binders. Binders need to be at class with all the information for this trimester only. Never leave papers and handouts in your binder from one trimester to another unless specifically asked to.

It is also a good idea to always have more than one pen/ pencil at school. Some classes need a pen, others a pencil. Only one of each will not help you much. Our class, for example, has had problems with losing pencils and pens. So, we each keep at least one extra pen and pencil in our backpacks at all times. Science, Japanese, and math all need pencils. Writing and humanities must be in pen. Creative Arts and movement can be either pen or pencil.

Our class has discovered that putting stuff, junk and things into our assignment books is an easy habit to get into. So, many of us got an accordion folder, in which we put random handouts, information from our mailbox, extra pens and pencils, and other stuff like binder paper. I can tell you, it really has helped us all a large amount.