

TEST-PREP TIPS

Share these study strategies with your child before a big test.

- **Map out a study schedule.** Set aside 15 to 30 minutes a night depending on the child's age, how much material there is to cover, and how much other homework has to be done.
- **Find out if the teacher has explained what type of test your child will be taking.** The test might be short-answer, multiple-choice, essay, or a combination of the three. For the first two kinds of tests, kids will need to know lots of facts and details. For essay tests, thinking about the big picture is more important.
- **Review all materials together.** This includes class notes, textbook chapters, and study questions. Then ask your child what she thinks is the most important information.
- **Help your child write down answers and key pieces of information.** Then, have him review this material later.
- **Review the basics,** like who, what, when, where, and why.
- **On test day, remind your child to read the questions all the way through.** Tell her to answer easy ones first.
- **Follow up with the teacher.** If the results are not what you and your child hoped for, talk to the teacher to find out what was missing in your child's preparation.

