



How to Get the Grade

Want more time to play with your friends or do anything else you want? Do your homework, and do it well! Here are some tips to help:

- Listen carefully to your teacher's directions. It eliminates confusion later.
- Ask questions if you don't understand. Also, listen to other students' questions –it might give you a hint or two.
- Start your homework early. That way you can concentrate on getting the assignment done right instead of getting the assignment done on time.
- Designate a specific time and spot to do your homework.
- Don't give up! If the homework is too difficult ask a parent, teacher, or older sibling for help.



THE TEA CEREMONY

It's never too early to learn the Japanese tea ceremony. All samurai are required to learn this simple exercise in grace.

Your guests remove their shoes before joining you. You clean your instruments, the bowl, whisk, and spoon, in front of them. With adult supervision, heat water to a boil and pour into the bowl. Scoop powdered green tea into the bowl. Whisk it before presenting it to the guests, who bow upon receiving it.

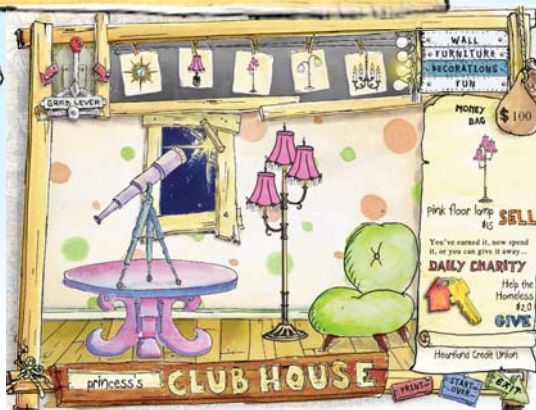
Some samurai serve a light snack with the tea. You may talk about simple things. Do not discuss anything serious. The tea ceremony is all about grace, form and harmony. It is an excellent way to make friends.



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