

Mrs. O's steps towards more success in math homework:

1. Read and take notes on the lesson before the teacher presents the lesson (so you know what parts may be confusing and require more explanation)
2. Copy the important information from the problem (perhaps the entire problem, or the picture and facts,...)
3. Write any word problems (including Perimeter, Area and Volume problems) as equations using a variable. For Perimeter, Area and Volume type problems after you have drawn and labeled the picture be sure to write the applicable formula(s).
4. Show the steps to solve that equation.
5. Be orderly and organized in your work (when simplifying each step should be equivalent to the preceding step, answers go to the right of the last line or at the bottom; when solving put each step below the previous step, answer should be at the bottom with the variable equal to the answer or the answer equal to the variable)
6. Be sure to answer the questions that was asked (sometimes the result from the equation is not the answer to the question, but a needed piece to get that answer)
7. Allow yourself room to work the problem without crowding your work. Legibility is important for the person working the problem as well as the person reading/grading the problem. Use a pencil and a good eraser if you are prone to making mistake. Crossing things out or writing over a previous letter or number can lead to confusion and incorrect work and/or answers.