MURPHY BI-WEEKLY WRITING TIP

Reflect & Write

Dear Murphy Students:

The semester is almost done, the summer is almost here!

If you are graduating – congratulations! If you are taking a summer class – good luck! And if you are doing neither – then may you have a well-earned break before the fall semester.

This week, we will leave you with one final Spring semester tip to encourage you to stay sharp whatever your summer plans are.

Reflect

Reflection – to review the past with serious attention so that you can learn about yourself and adjust what you will do in the future.

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- How did the semester go, from beginning to end?
- What obstacles came my way? When did they happen? Why did they happen?
- What did I do successfully this semester? When was I successful? Why was I successful?
- How do I repeat my successes for next semester?

You can *think* about these questions, but it's always better to write them down to review.

Write

After a semester of reading and writing, *more writing* may seem ridiculous, but (as with all things) the more you practice, the more comfortable you become.

The trick is to make it a habit to write your thoughts down – whatever they are, large and small

Here are simple options for daily/weekly writing practice:

- Whenever an important idea comes to mind – write it!
- If you feel upset (angry or sad), or even happy – write why!
- If you are struggling to solve a problem

 reflect on what the problem is...and
 write as you reflect!
- And of course...

Have a wonderful summer!

Sign Up for a One-On-One Tutoring Session

- 1. Visit https://murphy.mywconline.net/
- 2. Register for an account
- 3. Log in and select the "Writing Support (All Campuses)" calendar.
- 4. Choose any of the available white rectangles.
- 5. Fill out the form with your assignment info.

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