

# Parent Connection

A Newsletter Full of Ideas to Help Your Child  
Become a Better Reader and Writer



## Tip

### Setting Goals

You can encourage your child to read more frequently with more challenging material such as nonfiction books by simply setting weekly goals. Use a chart for your child to record what s/he is reading and the amount of time spent doing so. Offer rewards when goals are met. Rewards do not have to be monetary. Your child can work toward a special outing, skipping a chore, or doing an enjoyable activity.

If you see your child is not quite reaching the set goal, try buddy reading. With buddy reading you read a page then your child reads a page. Buddy reading is a great way to model how you want your child to read.



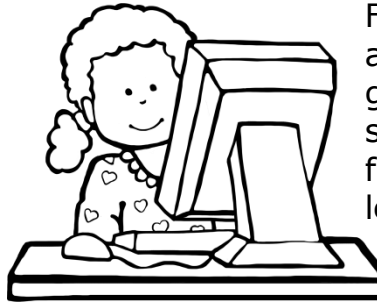
## Thinking Outside the Box

Whether or not you are planning to purchase a large item such as a car or computer or just selecting a good book or movie, reading reviews is a huge help in deciding which item is best. Have your child make a T-chart. Write good points down one side of the chart and bad points down the other. Before long your child has made a decision on which item to select and practiced an important skill in the process.



## Free Online Resources

The prefix and suffix online games were such a hit in the last newsletter that I have decided to do something similar this month.



Follow the link below to a webpage of links to grammar (parts of speech) games. Have fun playing and learning.

<http://www.bookunitsteacher.com/parent/6.htm>

## Activity to Try

Write a letter. With the ease of texting and e-mail, letter writing has just about become a lost art. Technology cannot replace the warm feeling you get when someone you care about takes the time to write a handwritten letter. Long after someone receives a letter, it can be reread and appreciated. Letter writing preserves memories unlike technology can, SO have your child write a letter to grandparents, aunts and uncles, or friends.

