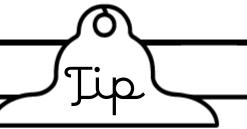
Parent Connection

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



Testing

With the end of the year testing coming up soon, here are some things you can do beforehand to help your child:

- Don't be anxious about your child's test scores. If you place too much emphasis on them, your child will become anxious as well.
- Review mistakes on teacher-made or practice tests. Discuss wrong answers to find out why your child answered as s/he did. Sometimes a child simply misunderstands the way a question is worded. Going over mistakes may prevent this from happening in the future.
- When going over tests, ask questions to determine if your child used his/her time wisely. Also determine if guessing was a good idea. This will help your child know what to do on the next test.

Thinking Outside the Box

This activity goes hand-in-hand with the "Activity to Try" at the right. Plan a fieldtrip for you and your child to a workplace or plan a meeting with someone who has a career in an area your child has an interest. Have your child prepare a list of questions to ask before going. You may need to do a little research to determine some good questions. If a faceto-face meeting can't arranged, help your child write a letter instead.



Free Online Resources

Enjoy these free online lessons and tutorials to help improve reading and writing skills.



Follow the link below to a webpage of links to the lessons and games. Have fun playing and learning.

http://www.bookunitsteacher.com/parent/7.htm

Activity to Try

One fun thing for you and your child could do together is research careers. Ask your child what s/he would like to become one day. Read a little about this career. Write up a short list of qualities that a person needs for this career choice. For example, a fire fighter must be a good listener, not panic in situations, emergency and communicate with others clearly.

Place this list along with the date in a "Time Capsule." This could be an empty paper towel roll. Place the "Time Capsule" away for a specified number of months. When time, take the paper out and compare what was written to new interests. You may wish to research a second career and repeat the process to be explored at a later date.