

Parent Connection

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



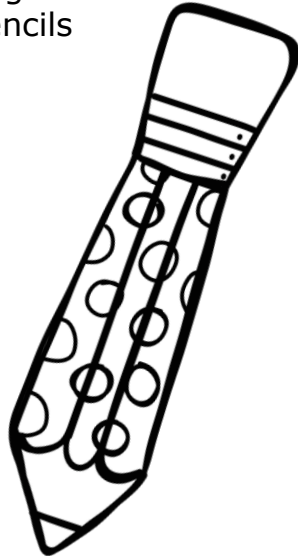
Tip

Writing Gifts

Think about gifts you can give your child that would encourage writing.

Here are a few you might consider:

- Special Pens and Pencils
- Pads of Paper
- Envelopes
- Diaries or Journals
- Calendar
- Dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Almanac
- Encyclopedias
- Computer Software
- Word Games such as Scrabble



Free Online Resources

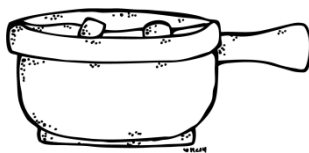
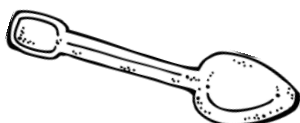


Have you ever just wanted information about how to better help your child learn to read? Here is a collection of websites that answer questions, give helpful advice, and provide materials to help parents.

<http://www.bookunitteacher.com/parent/4.htm>

Thinking Outside the Box

Many skills are used when cooking. Sounding out words in recipes and reading ingredients from packets can help children become better readers and spellers. Also cooking is a great way to help your child with math, chemistry, and even geography.



Activity to Try

Visit your local library. This time of year libraries often host seasonal events including special story hours, crafts, games, and snacks.

Think about donating books your child has outgrown. Many libraries sell gently used books for \$.25 to \$.50. You can replace the books you donate with more age appropriate books for very little money. Often the money these books bring in goes to hosting the seasonal events.

