

Parent Connection

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



Tip

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.

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.bookunitteacher.com/parent/7.htm>

Thinking Outside the Box

This activity goes hand-in-hand with the "Activity to Try" at the right. Plan a field trip 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 face-to-face meeting can't be arranged, help your child write a letter instead.



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 firefighter must be a good listener, not panic in emergency situations, 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.