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Parent News and Helpful Hints

Homework Tips

Continued from last month

(9) If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away. Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

(10) Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework. Do the hardest first. Your child will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue starts to set in.

(11) Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration. Let your child take a short break if they need one.

(12) Reward progress in homework. Celebrate with something fun to reinforce the positive effort (pizza, trip to the park, bike ride, etc.)

Www.ed.gov.parents/academic/involve/homework.oart_2.html

Special Dates of Interest

Don't forget tutoring over NHCo. Schools Spring Break!

April 9 & 10th—Easter Holiday—UNCW Closed No Tutoring!



Reminder: If you would like to sign up your child for summer tutoring, please let the Ed Lab staff know at your parent conference!

Check this Out

Need help with homework?

Www.School.discovery.com/students

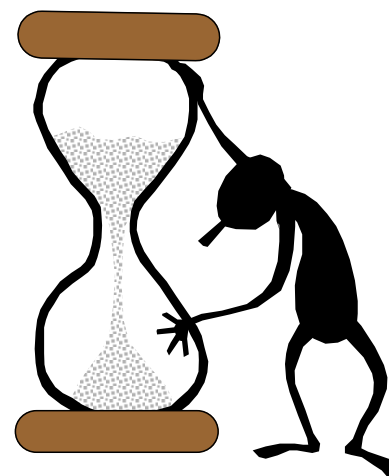
Www.Edhelper.com

Www.freereading.net/index

Www.Kidsconnect.com

WWW.Kids.yahoo.com/learn

It's not too early to start planning summer camps and activities!



"It's not that I'm so smart, I just stay with the problems longer."

-Albert Einstein

FAMILY PROJECT

Wardrobe at a Glance

Do your kids spend an eternity deciding what to wear each morning? These felt clothes organizers, which let you and your child select a week's wardrobe in advance, may be just the ticket.

Craft Materials:

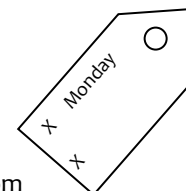
Felt (18"x12"), Scissors,
Imagination

Designate a different color for each day of the week. Cut off the top corners and label the day with cutout letters, markers, etc.

Cut a 1 inch diameter hole in the top center of the felt and a 2x2 inch "X" in each side of the felt near the bottom.

With your child, select the week's clothes and dress a hanger with shirt, pants or skirt for each day.

Poke a pair of socks and underwear through the sign's two X's, then hang the sign over the clothes by hooking the hanger neck through the top hole.



Www.fun.familyeducation.com