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## COMMENTS FROM CAROL

As we begin a new school year, teachers, students, and parents are upbeat and excited. Each year brings new challenges, new friends, and new opportunities. It might be a new course, new subject material, or a special relationship that makes this year memorable. Will this teacher or student be the one remembered in years ahead?

Everyone enjoys a fresh start with a clean slate. And, while it is true that September does bring a new start, this year's successes are most likely built on the foundations that were laid last year and the year before.

Each day brings opportunities to do one's best or slide by. By making the most of each day, we are all building the foundations of learning that will serve us well not only for this academic year, but for many years ahead.

## TUTORING TIPS

School supplies are big business at the beginning of a new school year. Students and parents are buying up pencils, pens, notebooks, calculators and other school materials. One of the most important supplies is sometimes overlooked, however. That is the assignment notebook.

Getting into the habit of writing down assignments and keeping a weekly schedule is a necessity with the busy lifestyles of today's students. In the exciting world of sports games, musical concerts, and other extra curricular activities, deadlines for academic assignments can often get misplaced. Having a good system for keeping track of homework and assignment due dates is key to starting out the year and keeping up on a positive note.

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1 Labor Day
- Sept. 7 First Sunday for fall term 3-8 PM
- Sept. 11 Study Skills Class- Students grades 6-9
- Sept. 21 SSAT/ISSE group class Begins
- Sept. 30 Rosh Hashona

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 4 SAT test date
- Oct. 9 Yom Kippur
- Oct. 13 Columbus Day
- Oct. 18 PSAT

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 SAT test
- Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday



## TUTOR PROFILE

Hi, my name is Alice Rourke. I am Carol's new secretary. I graduated from Salem State in 1970 and spent the next 35 years teaching in the Chelsea school system. I taught every grade from 3 to 8 in all subject areas. I retired from teaching in 2005 and spent some time just relaxing and enjoying NOT getting up at 5 A.M. fighting the 93 traffic, planning lessons, correcting papers, dealing with administrators, correcting papers, etc...Anyone who has taught knows exactly what I mean.

About 3 years later, while I was reading the paper, I saw an ad for a part-time secretary position. I came in, interviewed with Carol, and here I am.

In my leisure time I enjoy taking long walks with my Jack Russell Terrier, Rickets, working out at the gym, gardening and doing projects around my home. I will also be busy planning my son's May 19, 2009 wedding in South Carolina.

It's a challenge to balance everyone's schedule but I am getting the hang of it. Please feel free to call me anytime you have a schedule problem and I will do my best to set up a time that will work for you. It has been a pleasure to meet all of you.

## TUTOR PROFILE

Craig Perrier, M.Ed., is starting his second year as a tutor at the Lexington Learning Center. He currently teaches US History and Psychology at Billerica Memorial High School and is trained in AP History and IB History and Theory of Knowledge curriculums. Perrier has been teaching for 12 years, 6 of those in Brazil (3 in San Paulo and 3 in Rio de Janeiro) and as an adjunct professor at American International College in Springfield, MA. A graduate of Clark University, he is an alumni interviewer for prospective students and advises on college application essays. A competent writer, Perrier's article "One World is not Enough: Examining the Implications of Historical Objectivity" was published in the *Clearing House*. Also, his essay "Extinguishing the Flame: Loss of Humanism in Fahrenheit 451" took first place in Springfield's city wide contest. This summer he was an Adams Fellow at the Massachusetts Historical Society, a Gilder Lehrman seminar participant and hit .442 on his 30 year plus adult baseball team. Perrier looks forward to helping your child benefit from individual tutoring and succeed academically in Social Studies, English, writing, college interviewing skills and time management.

## FUN FACTS

### QUOTES OF NOTE

"It's never too late to be what you could have been." George Eliot

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey

"Education is what survives when what has been learned had been forgotten." B.F.Skinner

