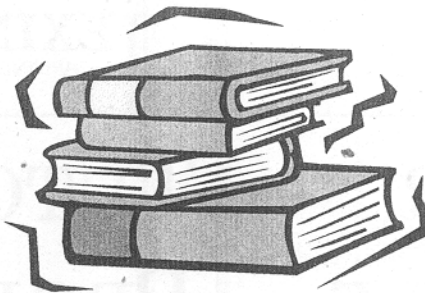


LEXINGTON

LEARNING CENTER, INC.

120-R School Street
Lexington, MA 02421
781-674-9777

1 Union Avenue
Sudbury, MA 01776
978-440-7557



September-
December
2005

<http://www.lexingtonlearningctr.com>

CAROL'S COMMENTS



Welcome back to the new 2005 – 2006 school year! As always, a new school year brings many hopes, expectations, and stress. We all hope for great classes, inspiring teachers, good friends, and good grades. We expect to do a lot of work, to learn, to grow academically as well as physically, emotionally and socially. We are also aware of the stress caused by homework, tests, reports, and daily class work.

It is important to start the new school term with a positive attitude. Additionally, it is important to be realistic. Some students need more time than others to do assignments. Some have not fully understood their study requirements. Some need to seek out their teachers or others for extra help on a regular basis. Some find that specific subject areas are always trying for them. This could be mathematics, foreign languages, writing, or test taking.

If you are one of the families with a student who needs that one to one assistance to make the grade this year, please contact me as soon as possible. We only go through life once. It is important to seek help while the hill is still a small one to get over, rather than an overwhelming mountain. A positive experience and good self-esteem can go a long way towards making this school year pleasant, memorable, and rewarding.

TUTORING TIPS

Over the years I have been involved with several studies and programs on bullying. Although this has gone on for many years, there has recently been renewed interest in bullying and what schools and parents can do.

If you suspect that bullying is keeping your child or student away from school, from taking the bus, or unable to sleep, it is important to probe and act. As many as one fourth of students say that they have been targeted as the victim of a bully. These incidents can range from not being included in a playground game to name calling and physical incidents.

Girls are as likely to be both bullies and victims as boys. Girls tend to be indirect and often inflict emotional pain. Boys are more physical and sexual. These behaviors can start as early as kindergarten. Often the child who is first a victim then becomes a bully to other children as a power move.

Talk to your student and find out what is going on. Help him/her find a solution that can work for all involved. Work as a team with the teachers, school guidance personnel, and other parents. Read books on this subject and then discuss them. If there is not yet a good anti-bullying program at your school, work with the principal and PTA to start one. All students will benefit from your efforts, now and in later life.

Call or stop in to discuss your individual tutoring needs. We welcome students of all ages and abilities. You can start with us at anytime.

We look forward to "elevating your academic skills".

CALENDAR

September

- 11 First Sunday open 3-8 PM
- 11 SSAT/ISEE classes begin
Lexington and Sudbury
- 17 SUDBURY DAY
FESTIVAL - look for
our booth and prizes
- 17 PSAT class Lexington, 10-3
- 19 Study Skills Sudbury
grades 6-9, 6:30-8
- 20 Study Skills Lexington
grades 6-9, 6:30-8
- 24 PSAT class Sudbury, 10-3
- 25 OPEN HOUSE Sudbury,
1 year birthday! 3-6. Talk
on college prep and Usborne
Books

October

- 2 Social Skills class begins
- 10 Closed Columbus Day
- 26 College Prep Workshop
Lexington, 6:30-8
- 31 Halloween

November

- 6 OPEN HOUSE Lexington
3-5, National Education Wk.
- 7 Flower Arranging 5-7
Lexington
- 9 Writing a Winning College
Essay Lexington
- 23-24 Closed for Thanksgiving

December

- 25 Closed for Christmas
- 26-29 Open Christmas vacation
week by appointment
ONLY

We will be closed Sunday, Jan. 1 for
New Year's Day.

TUTOR PROFILE

Katie Ehresman has been a tutor at the Lexington Learning Center since 2000. She enjoys tutoring students of all ages in reading and writing, and specializes in test preparation for the writing section of the new SAT. Katie has taught in private and public schools for 20 years and currently teaches at the Adult Learning Center of Boston Public Schools.

Katie earned a Master's Degree in Education at Lesley University and is certified in Moderate Special Needs, grades 5-12. She is also certified in the Wilson Language System, a multi-sensory language program to teach the code of English to students with learning disabilities.

Her educational philosophy focuses on ascertaining each student's unique learning style and then creating challenges that will build confidence through successful experiences. She says that tutoring is fun and always interesting because each student is so different. She tries to be a partner in their education, exploring the learning process with her students.

TUTOR PROFILE

Louise Williams tutors students in Latin. In the three years she has been with Lexington Learning Center, she has worked with students from Lexington High School, Waltham High School and the Belmont Hill School.

After graduating with Honors in Classics from Cornell University, she spent ten years on Wall Street in investment research with a major bank and brokerage firm. As her family grew, she turned to financial editing and financial planning with personal investment firms. Returning from Pittsburgh, PA to Concord in 1985, she worked briefly in a nursery school, started a middle school youth group at her church, and then ran a successful child care business looking after children of professional women so they could continue their careers while their children were young.

Most recently, she completed a year-long program at the Reading Disabilities Unit of Mass. General Hospital in the Orton-Gillingham method – a program specially designed to teach reading to people with dyslexia.

QUOTES OF NOTE

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin

"We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors...but they all exist very nicely in the same box."

Anonymous

"A smooth sea never made a skilled mariner."

English Proverb

