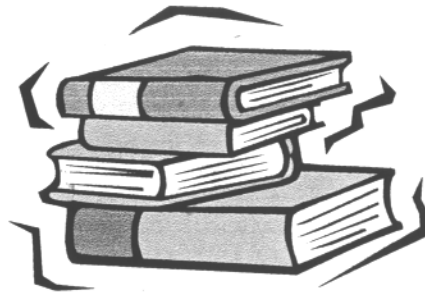


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## CAROL'S COMMENTS



Testing time is coming soon. Spring becomes less fascinating when we start to consider all of the exams our students must face rather than enjoying wonderful out of doors in the lovely spring weather. It can be very disheartening to spend glorious spring days cooped up indoors studying for a test or exam.

This year the March SAT test is March 1. March 24-28 are MCAS composition tests for grades 4, 7, and 10 and reading for grades 3, 5, 6, and 8. April 12 is the ACT test, and then in May we have AP tests, the MCAS mathematics tests for grades 3 to 8, and MCAS history tests for 3-8.

Make a plan for test preparation that includes time for "smelling the flowers" and some good weather outside time. You feel better and do better. Balance is the key to success in all things.

## TUTORING TIPS

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".

Handwriting has become a neglected skill. With all of the pressures on teachers to cover content areas, many systems have let handwriting practice go by the wayside. The use of computers to write has also lessened the use of handwritten papers, notes, and letters.

However, the handwritten note still is highly regarded. Having good legible writing can make student and adult papers better received by teachers, friends, family, and co workers.

Take time to practice handwriting and take pride in the writing that you do. Hold the pencil with the thumb and third finger and let the first finger be the guide. If your hand gets tired, practice fine motor activities such as kneading dough or stringing popcorn to strengthen these muscles.

A neatly written essay can boost your score and certainly earns points with the person reading your well thought out ideas.

## CALENDAR

January 21  
Martin Luther King Day- We are closed

January 29  
Study Skills workshop at Lexington office 6:30pm - 8:00pm

February 18-21  
School vacation- Special programs

March 23  
Easter Sunday - We are closed

April 21-24  
Spring School Vacation - Special programs

See our website  
[www.lexingtonlearningctr.com](http://www.lexingtonlearningctr.com) for monthly updates and program notes.

Winter storms - Please wait until noon to check weather and then give us a call.



## TUTOR PROFILE

Susan Simon

Susan joined Lexington Learning after moving to Massachusetts from New Jersey in June, 2005. Throughout the years, Susan has had a great deal of experience working with students and teachers. She has taught middle and high school English in New York City, Pittsburgh, Pa, Gibsonia, Pa. and Bangkok Thailand. In addition, she has supervised student teachers and mentors new teachers for Brandeis University.

Prior to moving to Lexington, she taught in an adolescent crisis unit where she found teaching troubles teens to be very challenging and fulfilling. While in New Jersey, Susan also worked with Educational Services Center teaching SAT and MAT skills.

When not teaching, Susan loves to read, hike, and experiment with new foods and recipes. She is also a worldwide traveler and has a collection of more than 400 foreign, homemade dolls collected during her wanderings. Susan holds a B.S. from New York University plus an M.S. degree.

## TUTOR PROFILE

Sylvie Haffer

Sylvie Haffer joined LLC 8 years ago. She is certified in elementary ed and is an ESL tutor. She attended Boston University where she got her certification as well as a BA in Russian language and literature. Growing up in Brookline, she has always lived in Massachusetts. She currently lives in Belmont where she tutors in an elementary school and lives with her husband and two college aged children. She enjoys traveling, reading, and meeting people from different parts of the world.



## QUOTES OF NOTE

“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.”

— Henry Ford

“No change of circumstances can repair a defect in character.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

“People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.”

— Elisabeth Kubler-Ross  
Swiss Psychiatrist

