

Parent Resource Newsletter

Tips for Helping with Homework

Homework is an opportunity for children to learn and for families to be involved in their children's education. Below are some tips on how to support your children with homework.

- * Become aware of what your child's teacher expects.
- * Set aside a specific time and place to do homework on a daily basis.
- * Turn off the television, video games and eliminate other potential distractions.
- * Take time to sit and watch your children work. Then look over the finish product.
- * Show an interest and use the assignments as an opportunity to talk about what is going on in school.
- * Give your child a five minute break when they are feeling frustrated.
- * Give your child praise and encouragement when they are doing well.
- * Set routines. Consistency is important.



Source: www.ed.gov

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Helping Your Child Succeed in School - Family Activity of the Month

10 Ways to Celebrate Family History Month

October is designated in many U.S. States as "Family History Month". Celebrate Family History Month with your family this October by trying one (or more) of these ten wonderful ways to craft and commemorate your past.

1. Get Started Tracing Your Family Tree

Have you been curious about your family tree? Get started researching your family tree both on and off the Internet.

2. Create a Family Cookbook

Create a cookbook of collected heirloom recipes. Contact your parents, grandparents, and other relatives and ask them to send you a few of their favorite family recipes. Have them include a story about each dish, where or who it was handed down from, why it is a family favorite, and when it was traditionally eaten (Christmas, family reunions, etc.).

3. Record Family Stories

Every family has its own history - the events, personalities, and traditions that make the family unique - and collecting these singular stories and memories is one of the most meaningful ways you and your family can honor your older relatives and preserve family traditions.

4. Uncover Your Family Health History

Also known as medical genealogy, tracing your family health history is a fun, and potentially lifesaving, project. Creating a family health history can be a useful tool to aid you and your medical care provider in interpreting patterns of health, illness and genetic traits for you and your descendants. What you learn now could potentially save a family member's life tomorrow.

5. Take a Trip Back in Time

Grab a map, and hop in the car for a family adventure! A fun way to celebrate your family history is to visit sites of importance to your family - the old family homestead, the house where you were born, the hillside where you played as a child, or the cemetery where great-grandpa is buried.

6. Scrapbook Your Family Heritage

The perfect place to showcase and protect your precious family photos, heirlooms, and memories, a heritage scrapbook album is wonderful way to document your family's history and create a lasting gift for future generations.

7. Start a Family Web Site

If your extended family relies on email to stay in touch, then a family Web site may be for you. A family Web site allows you and your kids to share family photos, favorite recipes, funny stories, and even your family tree research.

8. Preserve Your Family Pictures

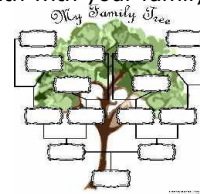
Make this the month that you *finally* get the family photos out of the shoeboxes or bags in the back of your closet; track down the photo you've never seen of your great-grandparents; or ask your Grandma to help you put names to the faces of all of those unmarked photos in your family album. Try your hand at scanning them into a computer, and then store the originals in acid-free photo boxes or albums.

9. Get the Next Generation Involved

Most children will learn to appreciate their family history if you turn it into a detective game. Start your children or grandchildren on a lifelong journey of discovery.

10. Craft a Heritage Gift

From picture frame Christmas ornaments to heritage quilts, your family history makes a great gift! Homemade gifts are often inexpensive but are favorites with the recipients. Something as simple as a framed photo of a favorite ancestor can bring tears to someone's eyes. Best of all, making a family heritage gift is often more fun than giving one!



TITLE I NEWS

Getting to Know Your Title I Staff at Walls

As mentioned in our September newsletter; Title I is a federal education program that provides funds to help schools and districts improve student achievement through *additional instruction for students, educational materials and activities* that help parents support their children's education.

Our funding has provided us with an excellent staff serving our Title I students in additional instruction in **Reading** and in **Math**. They come from diverse backgrounds in education and bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to Walls. Our teachers/tutors are "highly qualified," certified and knowledgeable about the subject matters they teach. If your student has worked in Title I in the past; you may have met some of these fine hardworking teachers. If you are new to the Title I program, then we can't wait to share with you more information and facts about our Walls Title staff members and the work they are accomplishing with our students. These persons serve as liaisons between the Title I education program and our parents. We hope by getting to know them better; it helps in building a strong foundation for parental involvement.

The following Walls Title I teachers/tutors work with individuals and groups of students primarily in **Reading** and **Math**. They are:

Mrs. Katrina Kelling – New to Walls, replacing Ms. Tracy Foreman as our **Title I Consultant**; however, Katrina has served in the district as a Teacher/Consultant for the past 16 years.

Miss Janelle Gustafson – **Title I Math Tutor**; starting her second year as a Tutor at Walls.

Mrs. Deandra Booth – **Title I Reading/Math/RtI Tutor**; new to Walls this year.

Mrs. Anna Pavkov -**Title I Reading/Math/RtI Tutor**; new to Walls this year.

Mrs. Jenna Reece - **Title I Reading/Math/RtI Tutor**; new to Walls this year.

Miss Kristen Mudugno – Returning as our **Extended Day Kindergarten Teacher**.

These teachers/tutors are dedicated to your child's success. We hope you have an opportunity to meet or talk to them throughout this school year. Watch for future Title I Connection newsletters where we will share more information and facts on our Title Staff here at Davey School.

Site Review

Resources available for Parents and Families:

Ohio Department of Education- Just For Families:

The ODE Web site is designed with a family section geared to helping parents understand what children are expected to learn in school - and how to help them succeed. Just go to the below website and go to *Just for Families* section. Website: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us>

Important Dates and Events to remember:



"The Magic of Reading & Math!"

Title I Family Night:

When: Thursday, Nov. 11th, 2010

Where: Davey Elementary

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 (sign-in starts at 5:45)

Don't Forget! Title I students and parents are invited to join the Title I Staff from each of our districts' elementary schools (Davey, Franklin, Holden, Longcoy, & Walls) for an evening of **learning, fun math/reading activities and a special magic show.**

Please return your RSVP form to your Title I Teacher and let us know how many to expect. Hope to see you there! It should be magical !!

Here are our 2009-2010 Title I Contacts:

Davey School – Consultant, Mrs. Jeanie Hiestand (330-676-7462)

Holden School – Consultant, Mrs. Katrina Kelling (330-676-8433)

Longcoy School– Consultant, Mrs. Caren Young (330-676-8350)

Walls School – Consultant, Mrs. Katrina Kelling (330-676-8300)

Franklin School – Consultant, Mrs. Caren Young (330-676-8450)

Parent Involvement Coordinator – Ms. Pam Bose (330-676-7425)

Federal Grants Coordinator – Mrs. Lori Slattery, Director of Instructional Program (330-676-7600)



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