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## Advancing Students Beyond the Classroom...

Advanced Learners is a private tutor placement service that provides tutoring for students needing academic help.

In addition to our large selection of tutors for all subjects at any level, we also have specialized tutors to assist older students and

## Monthly Topic

### Prepare Now ... Succeed Now!!

#### 12 Steps to High School Success

##### 1. SET UP A STUDY PLACE.

- Those students you see “studying” in the lounge probably aren’t learning much. Why?
- You can’t learn when you are being distracted by people and noise.
- When might the library even be a bad choice to study?
- It takes guts to sit, alone, in a quiet place to study, but you have to do it.
- Find a room at home or a “boring” spot in the library, where there’s nothing much to do except study.

##### 2. GET INTO A “STUDY FRAME OF MIND”

- Study with the attitude of, “I’m really going to get this done.”
- Don’t doodle on your notebook or fantasize about Brittany Spears or Nelly.
- Determine to hit the books earlier, so that you move on to other things later, which leads to stress reduction.

##### 3. GIVE YOURSELF REWARDS

- If you sweat out a block of study time successfully, **TREAT YOURSELF!**
- Psyche yourself up beforehand with the idea that you’ll reward yourself afterwards
- Name some rewards that might encourage you for studying...

##### 4. “SKIM” THE TEXTBOOK FIRST



### Success Story

*We must be doing something right!*

*This month we received five new parent referrals.*

*We also had twelve previous parents restart their students with our tutors.*

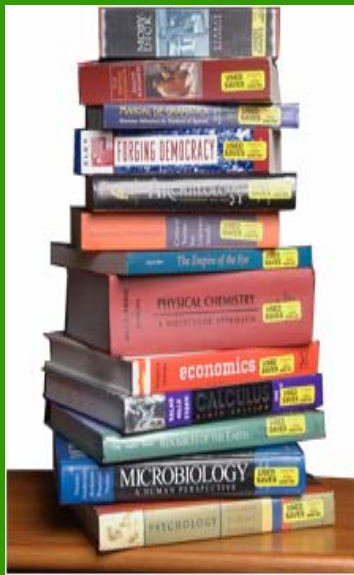
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## Suggestions?

Let us know what you think. Tell us what you like, don't like and

- Look at the title, the subtitles, the chapter headings or anything set in **bold print**, the pictures and the first and last paragraphs of the sections you are to read.
- Ask : what do the main topics or main points in each chapter appear to be? (jot down)
- Discover the value and the benefit of "skimming" your assignments and reading material first, BEFORE you step in!

### 5. TAKE NOTES *AFTER* CLASS

for the rest of the 12 steps visit <http://www.uhigh.ilstu.edu/first/newstudyskills.html>

## Get Creative!



### The Joy of Spontaneous Expression

Children need to stop *worrying* about what they do. The pressure of doing it right can take over and prevent them from being creative.

Parents and teachers should support children in *finding their own way* naturally by listening inside themselves. When they are not told how to do something and are not asked to follow ready-made tracks, they find inspiration spontaneously and learn to listen to their intuition. There is never a call for a model or a path to follow. Each creation is born out of children's needs and is unique in its expression. Creativity is experienced as pure play, and with that the joy and desire to create can bloom.

"I don't know how to paint a person!" cried Margaret, a worried, cute nine-year-old in a long brown dress covered with a multicolored apron.

## National Good Neighbor Day

September 28th

In the early 1970's, Mrs. Becky Mattson from Lakeside, Montana recognized the importance of good neighbors, and started the effort to make this a National day. With the help of congressman Mike Mansfield, she succeed in getting three presidents (Nixon, Ford, and Carter) to issue proclamations, along with numerous governors.

In 2003, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution, sponsored by Montana Senator Max Baucus, making September 28, National Good Neighbor Day. Previously, this day was celebrated on the fourth Sunday of September

### Quote of the Month

Education is... one of the chief obstacles to intelligence and freedom of thought.

*Bertrand A. Russell  
(1872-1970) English  
philosopher  
mathematician, and  
writer.*

### Suggested Reading for Parents

**"Don't Tell Me What To Do, Just Send Money"**

When children leave for college,

would like to see added to our monthly newsletter.

## Did you know?

TutorSelect and Advanced Learners is in its 5th year of business. We now provide services throughout the state of Florida, as well as major cities in Nevada, Colorado, Georgia, and North Carolina. During this school year, we will begin providing tutors in Washington, Tennessee, Arizona, and New York.

"Oh! I am glad you don't know how!" I exclaimed. "Then you can invent! Make it completely yours. I keep the paintings here in the closet like a secret. You can play and invent your own without worrying about people criticizing them, and you can give your images any size, any shape, and any color. *You can paint, not to copy things as they look but to reinvent them and have fun doing it.* You can make a person any way you want. Okay?" I asked, looking in her doubting eyes. "I love painting people myself," I added. "I paint the arms as long as I want and the head any shape I want. Once I even painted a square one . . ."

She laughed then.

That's all that was needed: a sense of play about painting, not a sense of work or accomplishment. "I want to paint a skyscraper but I don't know how to do it!" complained Victor, a robust nine-year-old boy who always filled his pockets with gadgets. He seemed quite restless; he must have had a difficult day at school.

"You can be your own architect! These days architects build all kinds of buildings. Some are even made with tires or beer cans, all sorts of sizes and shapes, and some are very strange. I am sure you must have seen some unusual ones. Why don't you invent your own? *You are the creator of your building and are allowed to do anything you want. It's fun to follow your fantasy,*" I told him with excitement.

He looked back at me with dull eyes.

"You can construct your own building. Can you imagine a special one?" I insisted. I had to talk to him for a few more minutes before he was willing to try.

Victor painted the most amazing modern-shaped building. Built on green posts, it had a round solarium station on top. Alien ships were circling around it. Victor was grinning with satisfaction, *He had found a way to enter his own world where there was no need for help and where nothing was missing.* I was glad he didn't force himself to paint what he first thought he should do: a stereotypical building that had nothing to do with his present dream.

It is very revealing to witness children being afraid to explore on their own. It points to the fact that we have made our children dependent by constantly showing them and telling them how to proceed. In certain activities, like math or science, it is a necessary step, but it is very important to offer them *at least one* activity in which they can fend for themselves and find their way, an activity in which they can invent, express, and create freely. If we don't give them that option, they may become afraid or

many parents feel uncertain about their shifting roles. By emphasizing the importance of being a mentor to your college student, *Don't Tell Me What To Do, Just Send Money* shows parents how to influence their college student while still supporting their independence. The authors offer valuable insight into the minds of college students and provide parents with simple suggestions for improving communication with their children. Filled with humorous anecdotes and realistic dialogs between parents and students, this comprehensive guide covers a wide range of issues including financial matters, academic concerns, social adjustment, and postgraduate choices

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hesitant to experiment, and their creative spirit may fade away. Their only other choice would be to copy, repeat, or follow instructions, but never to trust the immense possibilities of creation.

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