

Tutoring Club Connection

AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FOR
GRADES K-12 • OPEN YEAR-ROUND

Fall 2011

Tutoring. The Best Investment You Can Make in Your Child's Future!

Proven Success in School!

- Celebrating 20 Years of Happy and Successful Students!
- Individualized Instruction
- Guaranteed Results
- No Long-Term Contracts
- Flexible Scheduling
- Family Discounts
- Professional, Caring Tutors
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- Grades K-12
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TUTORING CLUBS ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED!

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Tutoring Club of McLean

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Director's Corner

This is the time of the year when children may come home worried about a challenging new teacher, subject, or an upcoming SAT exam.

If your child is concerned about his or her classes, the time to make your tutoring arrangements is now. Every year, we get calls from parents who waited too long to fix a growing academic problem and are then scrambling to catch up on weeks or months of confusion and frustration.



As Director of Tutoring Club of McLean, I talk with parents every day about their needs, frustrations and hopes. We all want our children to be successful and happy at school, and for many students, tutoring is a simple and effective way to achieve those goals.

At Tutoring Club, our goal is to bring each student to the desired level as quickly as possible. In order to achieve this, each student receives individualized instruction from our caring, professional tutors. We work to reduce stress and build confidence by starting each student at a level that s/he can handle, and then by progressing through the material as rapidly as s/he can. We offer help in Math, Reading, Writing and virtually all other school courses. We also offer a SchoolTools workshop, designed to teach

Focus on Improvement

At the beginning of the school year, all children enter the classroom as "A" students. However, as homework is handed in and tests are handed out, that "A" can slowly erode.

Studies show students return to school in the fall having lost some of their reading and math skills. A typical student loses the equivalent of one month's instruction over the course of summer break, particularly in areas of incremental learning like reading and mathematics.

children such valuable skills as time management, organization, test taking techniques, note taking and more. Our SAT and ACT Prep courses offer individualized curriculum based on each student's area of weakness, as well as proven test-taking techniques, ensuring that your child achieves higher test scores.

"MY CONFIDENCE INCREASED. MY GRADES FLEW UP. I'M TOP IN MY MATH CLASS. AND I LOVE COMING TO TUTORING CLUB! REALLY!"

— SIDWELL FRIENDS FIFTH GRADER

The pressure to perform has never been higher for our children. Yet classrooms sometimes are not able to provide the amount of personalized attention many students require. Tutoring Club can help fill that gap.

If your child needs additional academic support, please let us know. We will review your goals, consult with your child's teacher(s), and personalize the tutoring to help your child succeed this school year. Please review our newsletter and call us if you have any questions. Or stop by and I will be very happy to give you a tour of our center. If you haven't checked us out yet, it's time to make the call that makes the difference.

**MICHELLE SCOTT
OWNER AND DIRECTOR**

"Everyone would expect performance to suffer without regular practice, and what research shows is that all children, regardless of the income level of their family, experience over two months of setbacks in math computation skills during the elementary school grades," according to Ron Fairchild, founder of Smarter Learning Group. "So by the time they reach fifth grade, the summer losses accumulate to a point where kids are close to two years behind in performance based on the impact of summer."

TO READ MORE AND LEARN ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD STAY AN "A" STUDENT ALL YEAR LONG, VISIT WWW.TUTORINGCLUB.COM/BLOG.PHP/MCLEANVA/FOCUS_ON_IMPROVEMENT.



GRADES K THROUGH 12

"Learning to Read"...
"Reading to Learn"

The reading program is appropriate either as enrichment or as remediation for comprehension and vocabulary difficulties. Our reading program dramatically improves decoding, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, reading rate and recall.

A comprehensive assessment identifies any phonics skill gaps and returns grade-level equivalencies for vocabulary and comprehension. We create an individualized instructional plan and teach using materials appropriate to your child's abilities. We build vocabulary and comprehension by teaching fundamental reading skills until your child confidently reads at or above grade level.

Many children have been helped in school reading assistance for years. Others have less than average comprehension but don't qualify for assistance. Our goal is to improve reading "once and for all" and end the toll that below grade-level comprehension takes on school performance and self esteem. In fact, with our individualized approach, we have helped hundreds of students catch up!

PARENTS OFTEN THINK THEIR CHILDREN ARE HAVING PROBLEMS IN SPECIFIC CURRICULUM AREAS OR ARE UNMOTIVATED WHEN THE REAL PROBLEM IS READING COMPREHENSION.



GRADES 1 THROUGH 12

The Amazing Math program identifies the skills your child has missed or not mastered in school, allowing him or her to go back and build the foundation in basic math necessary for success in advanced math courses, such as algebra and calculus.

"WHEN WE CAME TO YOU, OUR SON WAS STRUGGLING IN MATH, HAD LOW SELF ESTEEM, AND WAS BASICALLY GIVING UP ON HIMSELF. HE WORKED HARD WITH THE HELP OF YOUR FANTASTIC TUTORS AND STARTED TO SEE RESULTS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. HE HAS REALLY COME A LONG WAY IN A SHORT TIME. HE "LIKES" MATH, WHICH I NEVER THOUGHT WE WOULD HEAR. HE HAS RAISED HIS MATH GRADE TO A "B" AND IS NOW STARTING TO GET "A'S" ON HIS TESTS AND QUIZZES. I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE WOULD BE WITHOUT YOUR HELP!"

– MOTHER OF WILLIAMSBURG
MIDDLE SIXTH GRADER



GRADES 2 THROUGH 12

Students often approach writing as a "one shot" process. They write the required number of paragraphs as quickly as possible, give a sigh of relief, and don't look back.

We simplify the writing process. We break the writing process into manageable steps: idea generation and organization, rough draft creation, revising/editing and final draft generation. We teach proper paragraph and sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and word choice. Dictionary and thesaurus skills are also included.

Good readers can become good writers. That's why we teach writing only when a student's reading ability is at or above grade level.



GRADES 6 THROUGH 12

This individualized workshop teaches students how to work smarter – not harder. By knowing how to study, they'll spend less time doing homework and more time doing the things they really want to do!

Students learn such skills as how to set goals, prioritize tasks, manage time, plan and manage projects, read for information, take notes, increase reading speed and comprehension, prepare for and take tests, deal with teachers and groups, prepare essays and research papers, and develop realistic expectations about schoolwork. Students must be at or above grade level in reading to enroll in this program.

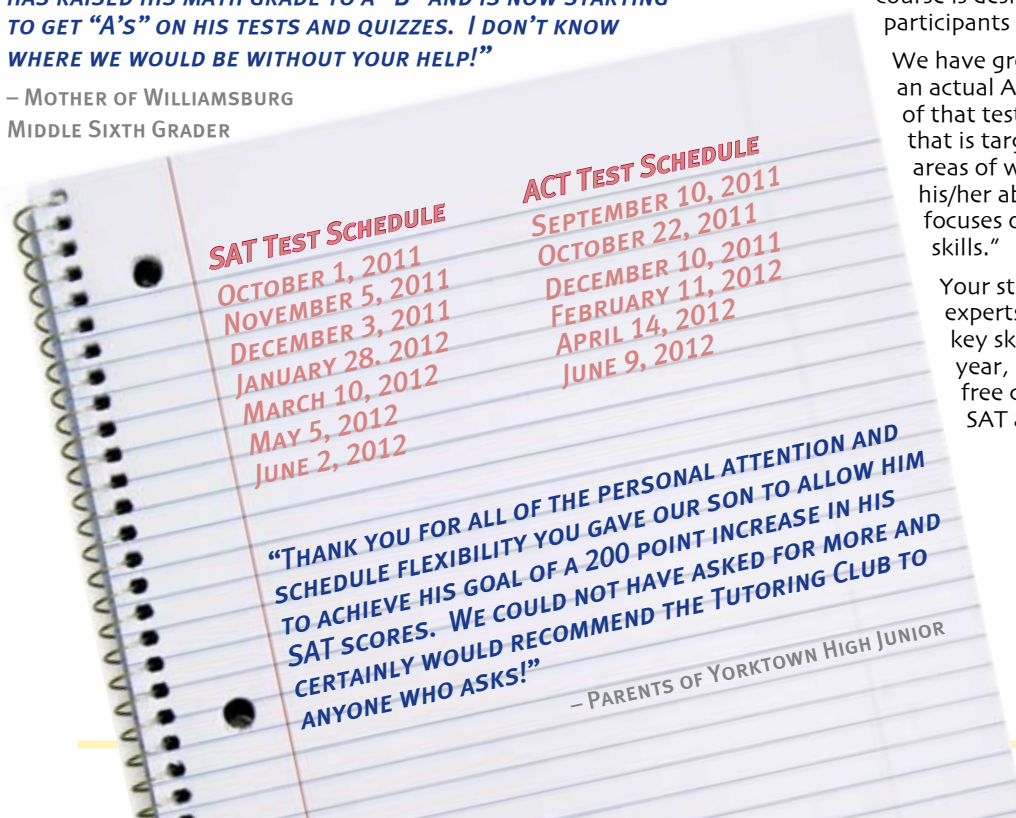


GRADES 10 THROUGH 12

The scores of college entrance exams are extremely important in these competitive times. They can determine whether your child is accepted to the school of his or her choice. The goal of our individualized prep courses is to teach simple, straightforward techniques that work on the majority of problems on the SAT or ACT. The techniques are proven, and can be very effective once mastered. The courses also give students targeted assignments based on their performance on a real SAT or ACT tests. This course is designed for students who want to be active participants in improving their scores.

We have great results! Each student begins by taking an actual ACT or SAT test. From the results and analysis of that test, we create an individualized curriculum that is targeted and effective. We identify specific areas of work needed to help each student maximize his/her ability to improve his/her scores. Our program focuses on the skills to be tested, not just "test taking skills."

Your student works one-on-one with subject matter experts to help move ahead quickly and master key skills. Our courses are offered throughout the year, based on your availability. Call now for a free consultation. Be prepared to bring in actual SAT and ACT results (if available).



SAT TEST SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 1, 2011
NOVEMBER 5, 2011
DECEMBER 3, 2011
JANUARY 28, 2012
MARCH 10, 2012
MAY 5, 2012
JUNE 2, 2012

ACT TEST SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2011
OCTOBER 22, 2011
DECEMBER 10, 2011
FEBRUARY 11, 2012
APRIL 14, 2012
JUNE 9, 2012

"THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE PERSONAL ATTENTION AND SCHEDULE FLEXIBILITY YOU GAVE OUR SON TO ALLOW HIM TO ACHIEVE HIS GOAL OF A 200 POINT INCREASE IN HIS SAT SCORES. WE COULD NOT HAVE ASKED FOR MORE AND CERTAINLY WOULD RECOMMEND THE TUTORING CLUB TO ANYONE WHO ASKS!"

– PARENTS OF YORKTOWN HIGH JUNIOR



Is Doing Homework a Hassle?

Homework is a key part of the educational process. It provides an opportunity for parents to understand what their students are learning and how they are performing. Children who need constant prodding to complete homework or repeatedly do not turn in assignments are indirectly asking for help.

Homework can help accelerate development. Unfortunately, for some families, it also can create a lot of stress and frustration. Studies show that homework is not just for kids. Almost two-thirds of parents with middle school students spend at least one hour per night helping their children complete homework (NEA survey).

Here are some homework tips:

- Set a regular homework time and stick to it.
- Set up a comfortable, well-lit and distraction-free area in your home.



- Have school supplies on hand.
- Monitor progress and be on the lookout for signs of frustration.
- Use specific praises for effort, not just achievement, such as "I see you went back to check your work. That extra step was an excellent idea."
- When making recommendations for improvement, start and end with praise for work done correctly.

Do you, as a parent, dislike certain subjects? Do you work long hours or have multiple children? Tutoring may be the solution for your family. Our flexible scheduling can help meet your tutoring needs.

TUTORING CLUB STUDENTS NOT ONLY WORK ON SPECIFIC SKILLS TO CATCH UP OR FORGE AHEAD, THEY ALSO OBTAIN HOMEWORK SUPPORT FOR ALMOST ANY SUBJECT.

How Tutoring Helps

Many students need extra time and help in math, reading and writing as well as other subjects. Research shows that tutoring is a great way for individuals and groups to support learning outside school. Effective tutoring requires appropriate training and careful planning. Finding the right tutor for your student can bring about significant benefits that can impact future learning experiences, and creates a more favorable atmosphere for learning.

Tutoring

- provides more time on task, more opportunity to ask questions and an increased opportunity to practice and review skills that need work,
- allows for immediate, positive and corrective feedback to help your student stay on track and not repeat errors,
- significantly increases performance and understanding,
- improves motivation and decreases frustration,
- enhances interpersonal skills as a bond is established with the tutor, and
- allows for individual monitoring of progress to ensure that learning is taking place.

At Tutoring Club, we hire only the best, most qualified tutors. We take pride in our student success rate. Find out how we can help your student by calling us today at **703.237.TUTOR (8886)**. We are always available to explain our programs and answer your questions.

Practice is the Key to Math Retention, Mastery and Advancement

By seventh grade, students need to have mastered their basic math skills. At this point, they should be ready to move into new mathematical territory with pre-algebra. What makes mathematics all the more challenging for kids is that, since each skill level builds on the previous one, a lack of mastery in one area makes reaching the next level difficult, if not impossible.

Math skills need to be presented logically to kids, but the key steps in mastery are "see it, understand it and practice it." Students who have not mastered skills begin to struggle, fall behind and lose self confidence. At Tutoring Club, we take each basic concept and break it down into component skills. We then create a series of repetitive drills that both teach and reinforce those skills (using various math tools and methodologies), and we measure their mastery before moving on to the next skill level. Besides the obvious benefit of math skill retention, children gain a sense of confidence that they can perform at a higher academic level.

"AFTER JUST A FEW WEEKS, WE NOTICED A HUGE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR SON'S MATH SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE. THANKS TO Ms. MICHELLE'S AND Ms. RIKKI'S INSTRUCTION, SUPPORT AND PATIENCE, HE RAISED HIS 3RD QUARTER MATH GRADE TWO FULL GRADES. WE ARE BELIEVERS IN TUTORING CLUB!"

– MOTHER OF HAYCOCK ELEMENTARY FIFTH GRADER

"TUTORING CLUB HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL RESOURCE FOR OUR TWO CHILDREN. IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, WE HAVE SEEN A GREAT DEAL OF IMPROVEMENT IN READING. MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR KIDS LOOK FORWARD TO GOING! MICHELLE IS VERY RESPONSIVE AND EASY TO WORK WITH."

– MOTHER OF NYSMITH SCHOOL FIRST AND THIRD GRADERS

"OUR DAUGHTER SAID THAT HER WRITING TUTOR WAS A GREAT HELP, AND THAT SHE LEARNED MORE IN ONE HOUR WITH HIM THAN SHE LEARNED IN HER CLASS ALL YEAR. SHE IS VERY EXCITED AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HER NEXT SESSION. THANK YOU!"

– PARENTS OF LANGLEY HIGH JUNIOR



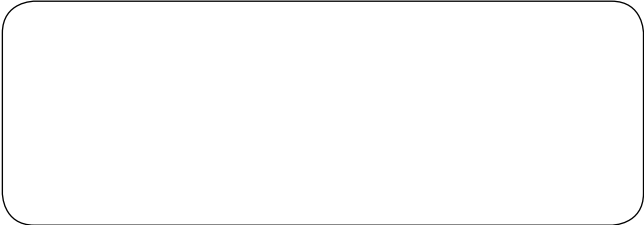


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– FATHER OF BAILEY’S
ELEMENTARY FIRST GRADER



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- **One Free Tutoring Session** (new students only)

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“I JUST WANTED TO DROP YOU A NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW HOW PLEASED WE ARE WITH TUTORING CLUB! OUR THREE KIDS BEGAN WORKING WITH YOU THIS SUMMER. RECENTLY, WE HAD OUR TEACHER CONFERENCES AND THE FEEDBACK COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE POSITIVE. MY DAUGHTER IS ENJOYING MATH MORE THAN SHE EVER HAS, AND IS ACTUALLY EXCITED TO START EACH NEW UNIT. TO DATE, NEITHER OF MY OLDER CHILDREN HAVE BROUGHT HOME ANYTHING LESS THAN AN A ON THEIR TESTS AND QUIZZES. THE BEST THING IS, THAT AFTER OVER THREE MONTHS WITH YOU, THEY ARE EXCITED TO COME TO TUTORING CLUB EACH TIME!”

– MOTHER OF JAMESTOWN
ELEMENTARY SECOND, FOURTH AND
FIFTH GRADERS

Is Your Child College Bound?

High school curriculum is designed to prepare students for college. It’s often thought of as the best time for students to prepare for this next step in their educational journey. However, it may be more appropriate to identify high school as a time to continue preparing for college. As professional athletes can attest, you get to the top by starting with the basics.

Since all steps in the learning process are affected by the ones before them, the sooner students begin preparing for college, the better.

This doesn’t mean students need to make career choices in kindergarten. “If you want your child to go to a good college, university, or post secondary training institution, you need to encourage and help your student follow a rigorous academic path,” advises Mike Flynn, Tutoring Club’s College Prep



Specialist, and former high school teacher with more than 20 years of test-prep experience.

It is critical that students master each subject in elementary school. A skill gap at an early level can affect a student’s ability to acquire new skills in the following years. Elementary school is also the best time for students to develop healthy school habits. Students should learn to manage their schedules, set priorities and complete homework unassisted. Children can also identify academic interests at this level, which may eventually turn into career aspirations.

Middle school is often the first time students are able to make substantial choices in their academic paths, however, without guidance, how do students know what to take?

TO READ MORE AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS COLLEGE BOUND, VISIT WWW.TUTORINGCLUB.COM/BLOG.PHP/MCLEANVA/COLLEGE_BOUND.

