

## ***Web Resources for Parents***

We know that it often takes extra preparation for some children to achieve success. With this mind, we would like to share several resources where you can find information, tips and tools to give you the support and encouragement your kids need for success.

***LD.org*** - From suggestions on managing homework to tools for preparing for an Individualized Educational Program (IEP), visit [www.LD.org](http://www.LD.org).

***Get Ready to Read!*** – For parents and teachers of younger children, Get ready to read! Can help you address the child's needs. Go to [www.GetReadyToRead.org](http://www.GetReadyToRead.org) for animated on-line games and activity cards for parents and teacher as well as other information.

***Reading Rockets*** - Reading Rockets ([www.readingroquets.org](http://www.readingroquets.org)) offers a wealth of reading strategies, lessons, and activities designed to help young children learn how to read and read better.

***Reading is Fundamental*** - Reading is fundamental ([www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)) is the nation's oldest and largest literacy organization offers tips and activity ideas to help you motivate your kids to read, including on-line games, booklists, and read-along stories and songs. Resources for teachers include lesson plans and downloadable stories with hands-on cross-curricular activities for books linked by themes.

***All Kinds of Minds*** - All kinds of minds ([www.allkindsofminds.org](http://www.allkindsofminds.org)) was founded in 1995 by renowned pediatrician, Dr. Mel Levine, and financier Charles R. Schwab to translate the latest research on how children learn into programs and services that help struggling student become more successful learners. A Parent Toolkit as well as activities, case studies, articles and hints to help students achieve are available.

***Schwab Learning*** - Schwablearning.org is a “parent’s guide to helping kids with learning difficulties” that emphasize useful information and practical strategies for children in kindergarten through high school. With over 350 research based articles, resources, message boards, email newsletter and more, parents will find the guidance and support that they need.

***Sparktop.org*** - The first website created expressly for kids with learning difficulties, including learning disabilities (LD) and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD). By educating kids about learning, helping them recognize their strengths,

showcasing their creativity and offering safe ways for kids to connect with another, Sparktop.org can help children gain confidence and insight about themselves and how they learn.

***Misunderstood Minds*** - PBS has created a companion web site ([www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds)) to the Misunderstood Minds special on learning differences. Within the site are stories from the show and information and resources for parents.

***The Hello Friends/Ennis William Cosby Foundation*** - This web site ([www.hellofriend.org](http://www.hellofriend.org)) is dedicated to helping others learn about Ennis William Cosby, about the learning differences. The site offers resources and information on how parents and teachers can help individuals with learning differences. Information is also available about the new video “Ennis’ Gift: A film about leaning differences.”

***The Hallowell Center*** - The Hallowell Center for Cognitive and Emotional Health specializes in the understanding and managing of attention deficits, worry/anxiety, and child and adult learning difficulties ([www.drhallowell.com](http://www.drhallowell.com))

***Book Adventure*** - Book Adventure ([www.bookadventure.org](http://www.bookadventure.org)) is a free, reading-motivation program for children in grades K-8. Children create their own lists from recommended titles, take multiple-choice quizzes on the books they’ve read, and earn points and prizes for their literary successes.

***Starfall*** - Starfall ([www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)) is an on-line reading program designed to be fun, exciting and to instill confidence in beginning readers. The website is easy to navigate and includes interactive books and downloadable materials/activities.

***NCLD*** - National Center for learning Disabilities ([www.nclld.org](http://www.nclld.org)) provides essential information to parents, professionals and individuals with learning disabilities, promotes research and programs to foster effective learning and advocates for policies to protect and strengthen educational rights and opportunities.

***Figure this! Math Challenges for Families***  
<http://www.figurethis.org/index.html>

Demonstrate the power of mathematical knowledge in everyday activities. This site provides families with life-based applications of a variety of concepts from estimation to probability to ratios to measurement. Challenges are presented in English and Spanish.

***We All Use Maths Every Day***

<http://www.weallusematheveryday.com>

Texas Instruments has paired with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and CBS to provide weekly insight and lessons related to the television show NUMB3RS. Each activity relates to a mathematical concept introduced during an episode of the action packed show about the FBI and the use of mathematicians and other scientists to solve cases.

***Adlit.org*** - A new website on literacy for parents and educators of kids in grade 4-12, offers research-based articles, teaching strategies, parent tips, book recommendation, author interviews, an exclusive blog, an “ask the expert” forum, and a monthly e-newsletter.

***BrainPOP*** – <http://brainpop.com> is an online destination offspring animated reading writing math science, health and social studies movies. The quirky animations come with age appropriate quizzes, games and vocabulary. The ever expanding library currently consists of more than 600 movies for grades 3-12. All movies are closed captioned and many are also available in Spanish. BrainPOP Jr. provides educational movies and homework help for K-3 student and is a great resource for teachers and home schools, offering lesson plans and lesson ideas that develop critical thinking and inquiry skills. Requires subscription but free trial is available.

***Kenn Nesbitt’s Children’s Poetry Playground***

<http://poetry4kids.com/index.php>

This site is easily searchable using graphics and titles to find fun poems to read. Additional tools include poetry writing lessons and poetry games.