



Practice Skills For Home Additional Skills to Incorporate Into Your Home Routine

The following skills can easily be incorporated into your daily home routine, engaging your child's mind and keeping them active in areas that testing students need it most!

Reading: When reading a book or watching a television show or a movie, ask your child to repeat the plot, the story's characters (including the main character), and the setting. Ask them to retell what happens in the beginning, middle, and end. After you read a book together, ask questions about what happened.

Language Arts: Work on increasing your child's vocabulary by using and defining more difficult words in everyday speech. Use a dictionary to check meaning. Practice using antonyms and synonyms. Have your child become proficient at alphabetical order by organizing materials that way--books, kitchen supplies, videos, etc.

Writing: The writing portion of standardized tests usually asks children to respond to a writing "prompt." This prompt is meant to structure their ideas. Give your child a general idea about what to write (such as "what is your favorite thing to do in the summer" or "what is your favorite holiday memory") or have them verbally tell you their response. You may also want to review basic punctuation and capitalization.

Math: Rather than concentrating solely on computation, standardized math tests usually involve spatial skills, patterns, and sequencing. Encourage your child to learn to count by twos, threes, and fives. Create graphs based on family activities and practice reading graphs together. Practice time and money concepts.