



# October Newsletter

## Find the Learning Style that Works Best for your Child

Does your child know how he learns best? You can help your child figure it out. Once he plays to his own strength, he will probably do better with schoolwork.

Here's an experiment to try over the course of three days. Get a dictionary and find 15 words that are new to your child. Write down the words and their definitions. Now make three lists of five words each.

- On the first day, give your child one list and tell him to learn the words with his eyes. He can study them and copy them over as much as he likes.

On the second day, give your child the second list and tell him to learn the words with his ears. He should read the words and definitions out loud and listen as carefully as he can.

On the third day, give your child a third list and tell him to learn the words with his hands and body. He should try to act them out, or perhaps move to the music in a way that makes him think of the word's meaning.

Once that is done, talk with him about which set of words he now thinks he understands best. Is it the "seeing" words, the "listening" words, or the "doing" words?

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Whichever he chooses probably represents his best learning style. Encourage him to use this style when doing homework and studying.

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## Helpful Suggestions for Reading Informational Text on the FCAT

**T** Informational text comprises most of the reading material on the FCAT. Effective readers use the following strategies to construct meaning in order to understand the selection.

Read the title and the major headings (when applicable).

Recall what you may already know about the subject.

Look at pictures, graphs, and/or charts.

Take marginal notes

Highlight important information

Read the questions that pertain to the passage

Identify the type of questions being asked. Answer the easier ones first.

Pace yourself...Do not take too much time answering a question.

Parents, it is important to model these strategies for your child. Remember...practice makes perfect.

### October Events

United Way Campaign all month	10/5-10/29
PTSA Meeting Media Center 7p.m.	10/14
Blue Jeans Day \$2.00	10/16
Teacher Planning Day	10/19
Parent Meeting Title I Media Center 9:30 a.m.	10/22
End of Grading Period	10/29
Blue Jeans Day \$2.00	10/29
Teacher Planning Day	10/30

### All Children Need a Dose of "Vitamin N"

Some parents feel guilty when they have to say **no**. But hearing no can be good for your child. Children feel better when they have limits. It gives them tolerance for being disappointed.

In some cases it will even make them work harder to achieve a goal. For example, you say no an outing with friends until your child earns a higher grade.

