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Summer Enrichment: Be Proactive

10 weeks of summer vacation is a long time—long enough for most kids to forget most of what they learned the year before. Here at Northern Virginia Tutoring Service, LLC, we offer summer tutoring in all our regular academic areas. Summer is a great time to hone those math skills that were a little shaky last year, or to practice speaking in Spanish. There’s no requirement to meet every week. With flexible scheduling, we can fit your vacation and summer camp plans. And, as always, we come to you.

Summer Enrichment for Parents

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Dr. Mel Levine, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of North Carolina Medical School in Chapel Hill, published *A Mind at a Time* in 2002. In this very accessible book, Dr. Levine uses case studies and anecdotes to illustrate his belief that children learn in many different ways. The school system’s “one-size-fits-all” approach to education tends, as a result, to fail many of our children. With examples of creative, insightful, awkward, impulsive, nerdy, rowdy, and painfully shy kids, Dr. Levine defines eight neurodevelopmental “mind systems”: attention, memory, language, spatial ordering, sequential ordering, motor, higher thinking, and social thinking. He then proceeds to show how each child has different strengths among these systems, and how understanding these strengths can be used to boost a child’s performance in school—and his or her self-confidence in life. If your child or student has been struggling even slightly, you will find encouragement and guidance in this must-read for dedicated parents and educators.



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Helpful Hints: [Science on the Internet](#)

Summer is a great time to break away from the biology, chemistry, and physics textbooks, and have some fun with science:

How Stuff Works: <http://science.howstuffworks.com>

Maybe you want to know how the EZ-Rocket works. Or how about wire-tapping (how DO professionals eavesdrop on conversations?). Ever wondered how GPS phones work? Find all this and more on this fun and easy to use website.

Science Toys: <http://www.scitoys.com>

"Make toys at home with common household materials, often in only a few minutes, that demonstrate fascinating scientific principles." A great project for parents to work on together with their kids, keeping skills sharp over the summer, while still having fun.

Other Science Links: <http://nvtutoring.com>

Information about careers in science, links to science magazines, and categorized links to information from different branches of science. Sites will be available in early June.

-Websites courtesy of Craig Berman, Science Chair, The Langley School

Should your child work with a tutor?

This is the first part in a series that will address the issue of whether or not to hire a tutor to work with your child. Future issues of [NVTutoring Quarterly](#) will highlight additional aspects of this topic.

The goal of this series is to help parents step away from the emotional side of the struggle over schoolwork. The model outlined in this series will help you get the objective, unbiased, unfettered help for your child that will lead him or her along the path of success – and give you back your life!

When Should You Consider Hiring a Tutor to Work With Your Child?

Parents often wonder if a tutor is necessary for their child. As with any decision, careful review of the situation enables you to arrive at a rational decision. Symptoms suggesting a tutor might be helpful include the following:

- Student avoids doing work at almost any cost
- Student seems frustrated and inclined to make excuses for inadequate performance in school
- Indications of declining grades are apparent
- Student needs excessive help with homework
- Student takes excessive time to complete homework (either because of difficulty or lack of organization)
- Parents find themselves re-teaching basic skills

If any or all of these symptoms seem apparent, serious consideration should be given to hiring a tutor.

-By Dr. Ralph G. Perrino

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