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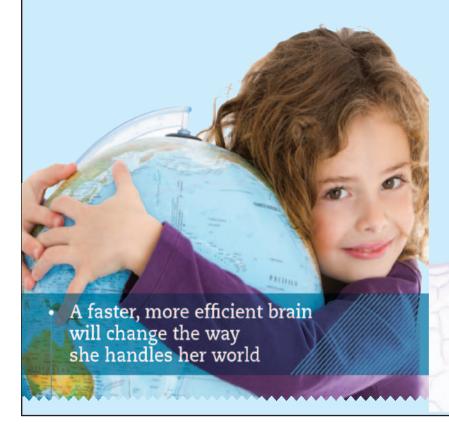
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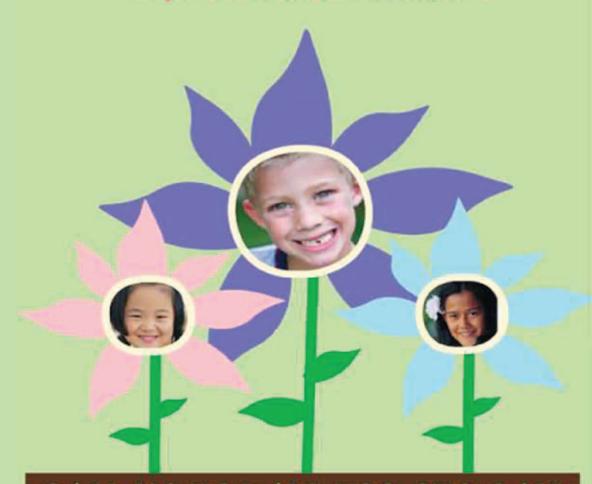
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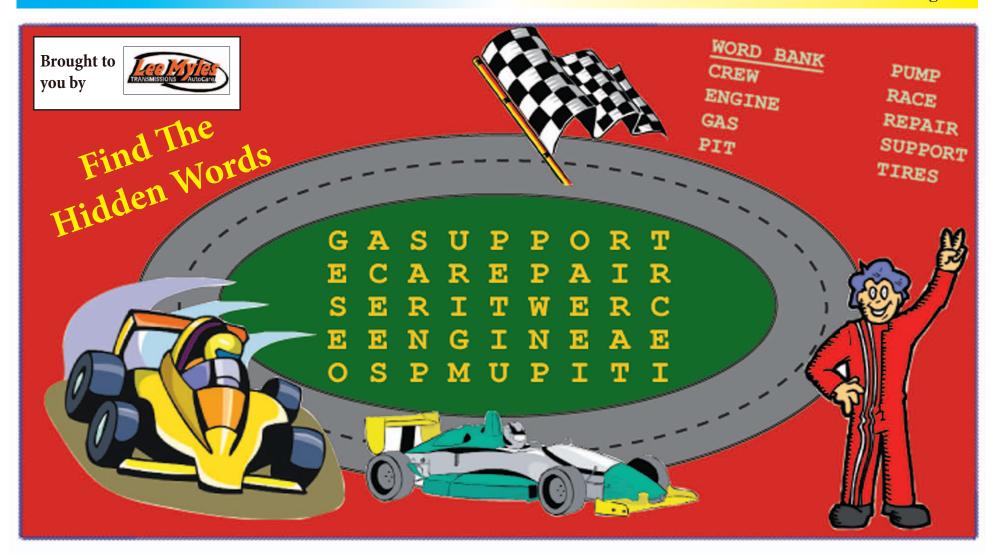
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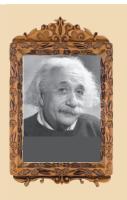
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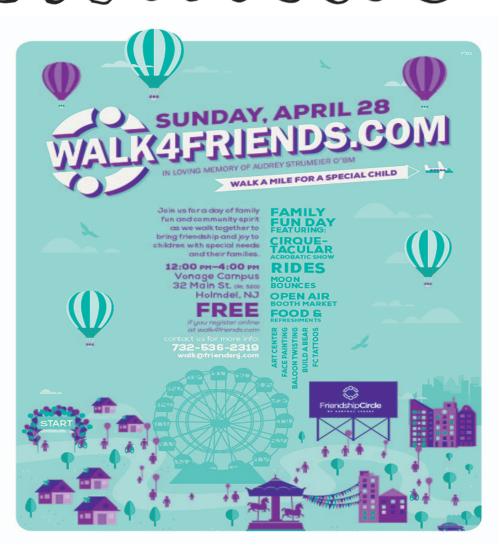




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Just For Parents: Teach Your Kids All About Money With An Allowance

The first lessons for kids about money come from their parents. You can start your kids off right by setting a good example in how you manage your own money. Next, take advantage of every opportunity to instill great money-smart habits. Here's how to teach your children about money:

Allowances

Under the age of 10: Make allowances dependent on your child completing age-appropriate chores. This is the first lesson in work for pay. A five-year-old can be in charge of putting toys away. A 10-year-old can handle kitchen or garbage chores. Create a formal schedule for the allowance, such as every Saturday. It's your child's introduction to pay day.

Age 10-15: Shift some of a child's spending from your wallet to theirs. For example, rather than hand over \$10 or \$20 when your son is heading out to the movies, raise his allowance a bit and put him in charge of managing his entertainment money. Or if your kids are gaming enthusiasts, introduce cost sharing: set your spending limit on games, and make it clear they have to cover costs beyond that.

Age 15-18: Stretch the allowance payout period to two weeks, and then by the time they are 17, make one monthly

payment. Teach your teenagers about budgeting, and help them work out a plan for making their money last the entire month - good training for when they leave home for college.

Savings

Age 12 and younger: Set an expectation that 50% of any money gifts your child receives will be put in a savings account. Make it clear that the money is 100% theirs, but encourage them to tuck it away for a savings goal. And that requires you sitting down and agreeing on a worthy savings goal, such as helping with future college costs.

Age 13 and older: Consider matching savings contributions for teens. For every dollar of allowance or job earnings they save, you will contribute 50 cents or a dollar. It's a great motivational tactic.

Budgeting

Age 12-15: As your children enter their teens, consider giving them half of their allowance in cash and the other half as a spending limit on a debit card. This way they will learn how to budget their money even when they aren't paying cash. If they don't spend the debit card allowance,

together you can use Online Banking to transfer their unused allowance into their own savings account.

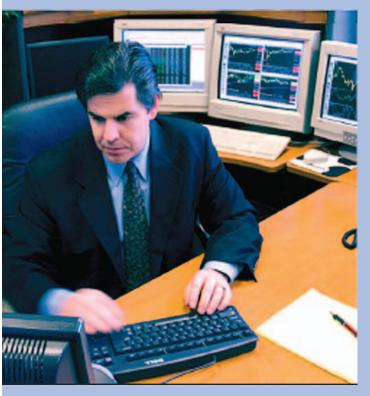
Age 15-18: Teach your older teenagers to monitor their bank accounts so they know how to limit banking fees. Show them how following a budget can help them spend within their means and avoid overdraft fees.

If your child wants more money to spend beyond their basic allowance, let them earn it. Babysitting, dog walking, and helping elderly neighbors with household chores are a few examples of appropriate jobs for young teens.

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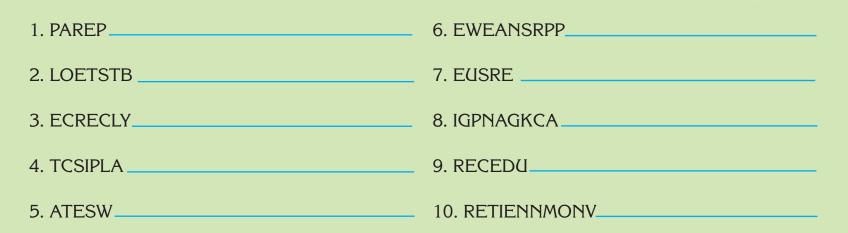
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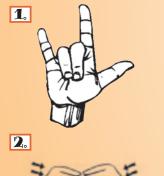


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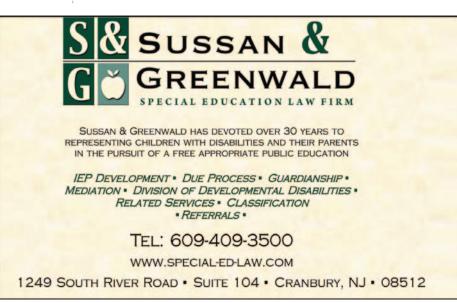




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What causes lightning?

Lightning is an electric current. Within a thundercloud way up in the sky, many small bits of ice (frozen raindrops) bump into each other as they move around in the air. All of those collisions create an electric charge. After a while, the whole cloud fills up with electrical charges. The positive charges or protons form at the top of the cloud and the negative charges or electrons form at the bottom of the cloud. Since opposites attract, that causes a positive charge to build up on the ground beneath the cloud. The grounds electrical charge concentrates around anything that sticks up, such as mountains, people, or single trees. The charge coming up from these points eventually connects with a charge reaching down from the clouds and - zap - lightning strikes!

How hot is lightning?

Lightning is approximately 54,000 degrees Fahrenheit. That is six times hotter than the surface of the sun!

What color is lightning?

Lightning seems to be clear or a white-yellow color, but it really depends on the background.

Do You Know These Lightning Facts?

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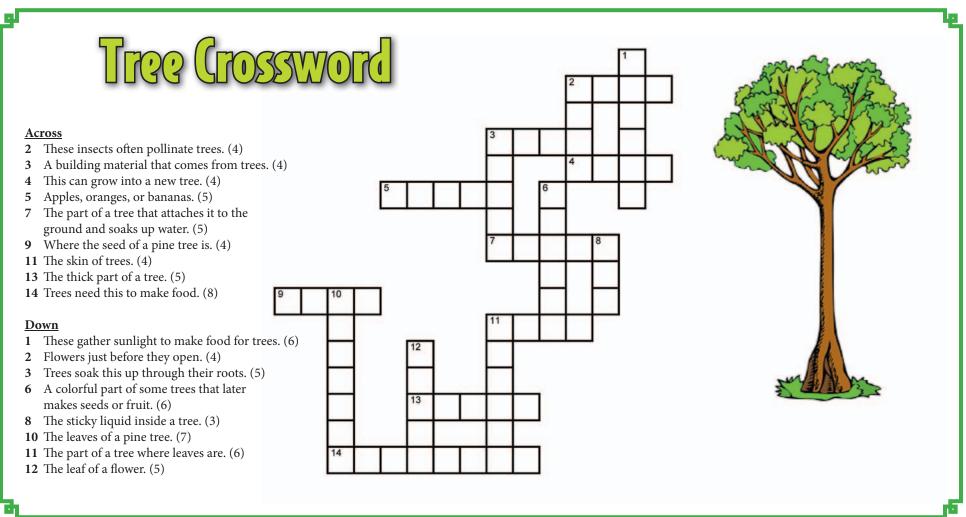
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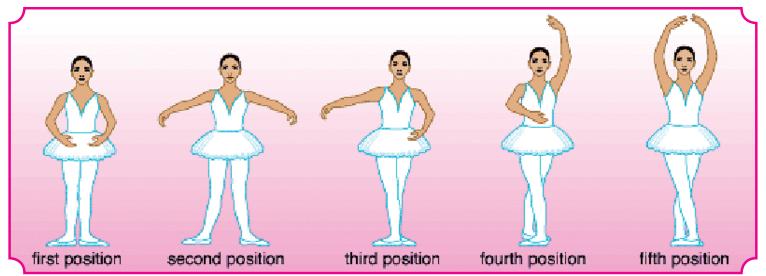




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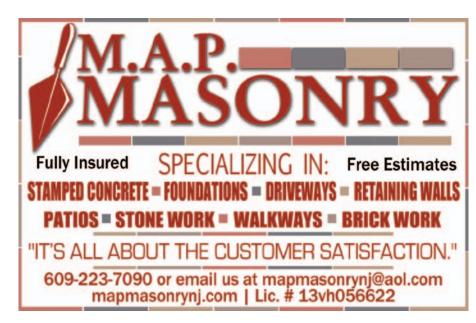
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Ranney School's Day Camp is both licensed by the state of New Jersey and accredited by the American Camp Association. Campers spend the day in assigned groups experiencing physical fitness challenges specialized programming in science, nature, arts and crafts, sports, music and drama, among other fun activities. Each group is organized by age for additional swim and sports instruction in our state-of-the-art facilities (including the upgraded Walling Aquatic Center and air-conditioned buildings), electives and weekly themed activities, including field and carnival days, climbing wall activities, talent shows, sports challenges and more. Structured schedules are designed to provide individualized instruction as well as optimum social interaction, and our low staff-camper ratio offers an exceptional experience.

With no price increase for 2013 and additional cost-cutting benefits for new and returning families to Ranney School Summer Programs, now is the best time to sign up for a summer of exceptional learning and fun.

Download the brochure at www.ranneyschool.org/summerprograms

New families will enjoy best season pricing with a 10% discount on registrations received by April 5, 2013. Ranney is pleased to continue to offer all families a free week of Day and Trip Camp with camp registration. The school is also pleased to offer continuing families a 20% pricing discount on all

program registrations (with no increase in pricing from 2012). Please note that a free Trip Camp week will include a nominal cost for trip tickets. Families who combine morning academic courses with afternoon Day Camp will qualify for a free week half-day Day Camp incentive.

New to Ranney Summer Programs this year is a Counselor-in-Training Program for 14-year-olds, providing specialized training and leadership opportunities as well as camp experiences for this age group. It is being run in connection with our American Camp Association Accredited Day Camp for 3- to 13-year-olds, our Trip Camp for 10- to 13-year-olds and our Sports Camps (Basketball, Fencing, Soccer and Tennis for 8- to 13-year-olds; Boys' Lacrosse for 9- to 13-year-olds; Golf for 6- to 10-year-olds as well as 11- to 14-year-olds; and Swimming for 8- to 18-year-olds).

Additional STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and talent development programming for students entering Grades 1-6 joins an already exceptional lineup of academic and talent development learning opportunities for students in Grades K-12. Ranney School is also offering specialized programming in the performing and visual arts, and increased Interactive Preschool Adventures for children ages 4 and 5. Learning over the summer has never been more personalized. The school invites families to become fully engaged in the learning and growing process this summer at Ranney School!

Familes are encouraged to share this exciting program information with friends: new families will receive a special 10% discount on registrations received by April 5, 2013. The program application and required health forms can be accessed at www.ranneyschool.org/summerprograms. Continuing Family applications on our website reflect discounted pricing.

With such a strong turnout for the Summer Programs Reunion Day on March 9, the school is adding to the fun with an additional Summer Programs Reunion Day to take place April 20 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Ranney School Gerhard Pavilion for Athletics. Whether families attended an earlier fun day or are joining us for the first time -- all are welcome! Participants should bring a bathing suit and a friend (the friend does not have to be a Ranney camper) to experience the "camp day fun." A Summer Programs Open House also takes place on campus April 20 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Families should explore the many options for their children this summer and register for our campus events online at https://www.ranneyschool.org/summerprograms.

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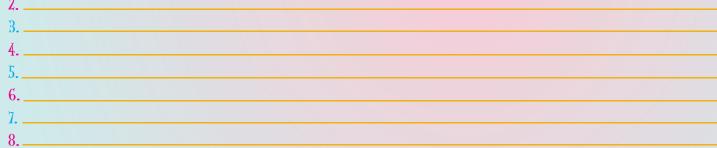
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The Summer Staycation

by: Jim Ned

Spring time and milder weather will be here soon. Between winter and super storm Sandy, spring cannot get here soon enough. As the Jersey shore struggles to get back on its' feet and be cleaned up, ready for visitors, it will not be the same for quite some time. Locals endured the cold weather, the pain and the frustration of dealing with claims representatives and adjusters. Compounding the matter was the fact of getting anemic results from insurance companies and government agencies. For many, warmer weather, coupled with the healing of time, is certainly welcomed by many communities. It is a winter we would all soon forget but will linger with all us who have been hit hardest by the fury of Mother Nature.

Unfortunately, we cannot control nature, despite what many may believe. The best we can do is be prepared and plan for the worst and hope and pray for the best. Many homeowners will still be cleaning up and rebuilding their homes this spring and summer. Families will find comfort and solace of just staying home and enjoy staying put, reaffirming their appreciation for their home and family after such a calamity. Families, relatives and friends will visit for barbecues, pool parties, and summer reunions.

For others, the idea of staying around the home during the warm weather season is not anything new. Since the banking crisis in 2008, the recession has lingered with us and the economy has lumbered, affecting New Jersey for a long time. Between a sustained high unemployment rate, underemployment, lower wages, high gas prices and continued uncertainty, many folks use their homes for summer "Staycations" in this new economy or new normal

Homeowners would rather make their backyards their go-to destination this season. This trend will continue as long as gas prices and other commodities do not moderate. The idea of a "Staycation" is only exacerbated by the remnants and aftermath of super storm Sandy. The culmination of Sandy, the economy and high commodity prices make for a perfect storm, (no pun intended), for the appeal and practicality of staying put during vacation.

As businesses gear up for the spring and summer, you will see all types offers, incentives and sales being promoted for home improvement, restoration and landscaping. Many homeowners gain ideas and tips from these promotions and will think of ways of making their homes more appealing just to stay put. Beautifying

homes and backyards and reshaping the way we view our home may be a good thing in appreciating what we have, right in our backyards.

Residents up and down the New Jersey shore and inland will use their backyard as their oasis, a getaway or so called, go-to destination. Many home owners will rebuild, reshape and landscape their backyards. Beautiful landscaped designs, elegant ponds and waterfalls, cannot only be imagined but finally realized to many who thought it was unattainable or too expensive. Businesses are eager for your patronage and will deal.

A beautifully landscaped backyard oasis with a pond and waterfall is pleasing to the eye and makes for a great centerpiece and artistically compliments any elegant landscaped concept to the simplest of designs. It may be the prudent course to take in elevating the beauty of your home, increasing equity and saving money in the long run by not taking those expensive summer excursions. So, maybe it's not such a bad idea to take advantage of a "Staycation" and appreciate what we may have slightly taken for granted before that devastating experience from this past winter.



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Conjunction Lessons And & But When to use them properly.

In the English Language, we use conjunctions like AND and BUT to connect two independent clauses in one sentence. One example of the use of a proper conjunction is in the sentence: "He hit the ball well, but he ran toward third base."

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the blank with either And or But.

- 1. I was not hungry, I ate it anyway.
- 2. In the summer, it is hot sunny.
- 3. The test was easy, I failed
- 4. The girl looks friendly kind.

- 5. I have a lot of homework, I watched TV instead
- 6. My mom _____dad went to the movies.
- 7. The soccer game was exciting fun.
- 8. I had a lot of sleep last night, ____I am still tired.

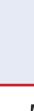
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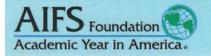
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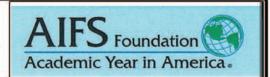
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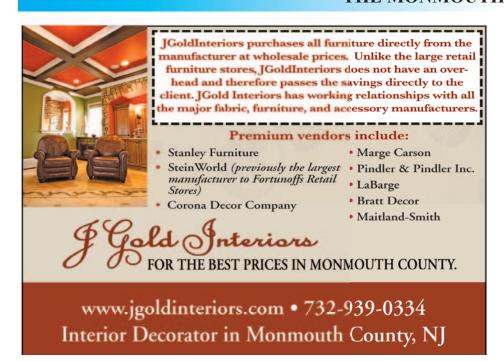
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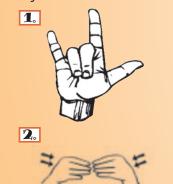




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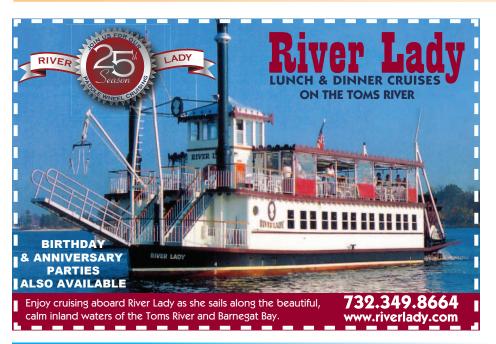
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