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When not in the office, Dr. Neil enjoys the outdoors, running, cooking, and playing tennis. In fact, during his time off from school, Dr. Neil was a tennis coach, and has taught and trained tennis players of all skill levels. He ran two marathons and is currently trying to train for a triathlon. He is a big New York Mets and New York Jets fan, and is a real sucker for a homemade chocolate chip cookie!

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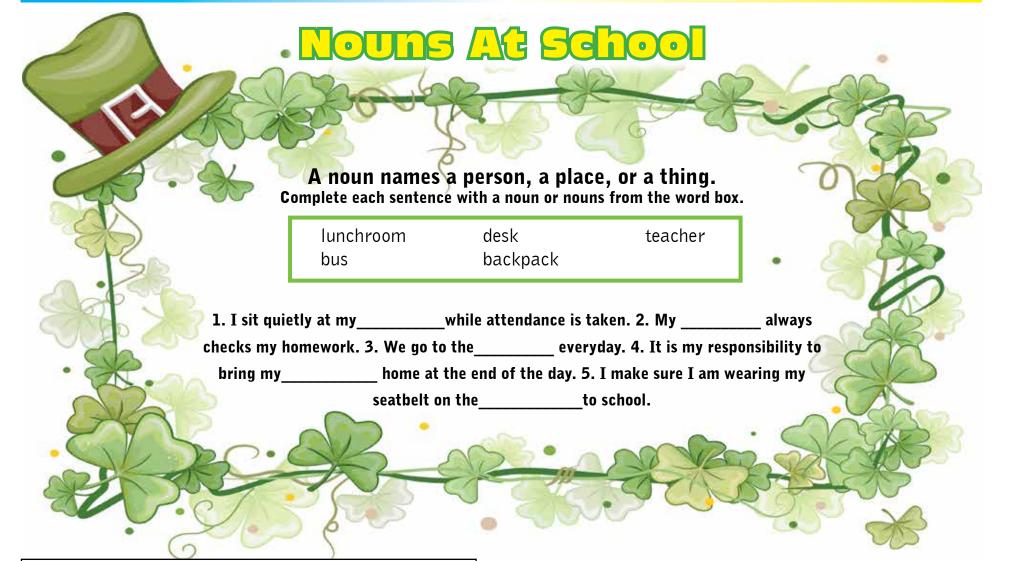
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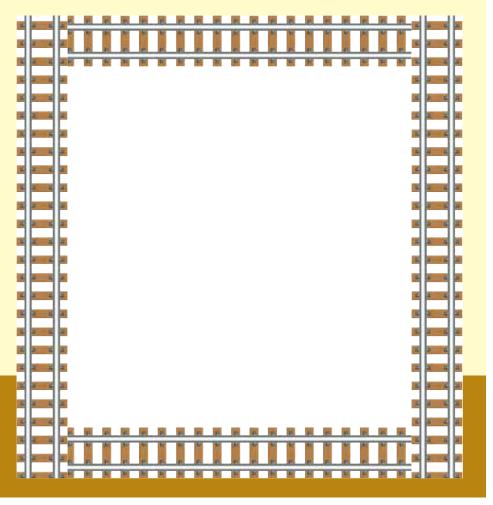
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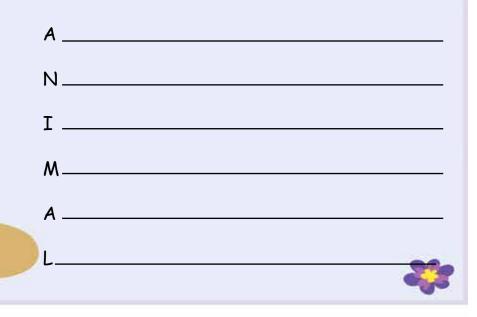
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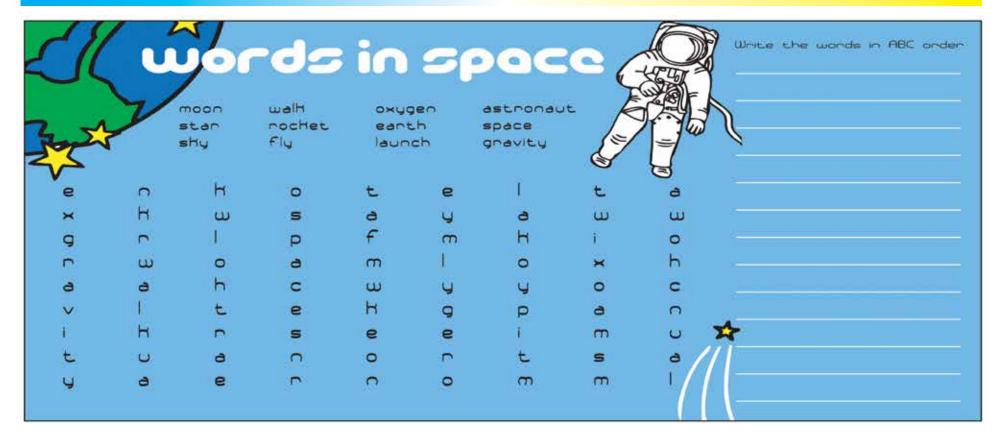
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By: Jim Fay

You can train your child to hear you the first time you say something. Or, you can train them to ignore you. Raising a child who listens to adults is a source of joy. Raising one who doesn't, is a constant source of frustration and torment.

Our actions either train kids to listen or not to listen. Consider this situation I witnessed in an airport recently. Joshua, a five-year-old, was running out into the concourse:

"Joshua. You stop that running!" called his mother. She did not follow through, so Joshua continued dashing in and out of a crowed of irritated travelers.

"Joshua. You get over here!" Once more, she barked an order, but did nothing to enforce it. "Joshua! Get off of that!" Another order was shouted by mom and ignored by Joshua. Suddenly, Joshua was right at my feet staring up at me. Mother ordered again, "Joshua. You get away from that man. You come over here. Quit bothering people." I looked down at Joshua and asked, "Joshua, what's your mom going to do if you don't do what she says?" He knew the answer immediately, "Nothing." Of course he was right. His mother had trained him to know that she would bark orders, but never enforce them. Why should he listen if he could do as he pleased - without adult interference - by not listening? In fact, Joshua never even had to walk back to his mother in the

airport. She came over to him, held his hand, and apologized to me with, "I'm so sorry. You know how five year olds are. They won't listen to a thing you say." It took a lot to keep me from saying, "I've known a lot of five year olds who listen to their parents. But their parents mean what they say."

Training kids to listen is not brain surgery. It's not complicated. Joshua's mom could retrain him to listen by first retraining herself to do the following:

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She needs to be dedicated to making her child's life somewhat uncomfortable each time

he fails to listen the first time she says something. This means as soon as he disobeys she goes to him, takes him back to his seat, and makes him stay with her saying, "How sad not to listen. Now you can stay with me."

3. She should never accept, "But I didn't hear you," as an excuse.

When confronted with this excuse, she should respond with, "How sad not to be listening. Maybe your ears will get better." It is important she says this without sarcasm and follows through with the consequences of not listening.

4. Be prepared for Joshua to have a fit about not getting his way.

Even though this will be uncomfortable, other adults around her will secretly applaud her courage and willingness to put forth the efforts to raise a well-behaved child.

5. Get ready to enjoy a more responsible and happier child.

I have worked with kids and families for 47 years. During that time I have never met a child who failed to hear a parent's promise. They always hear promises the first time. I've also learned their ears work the same way for requests when parents learn and follow the four steps I've outlined.

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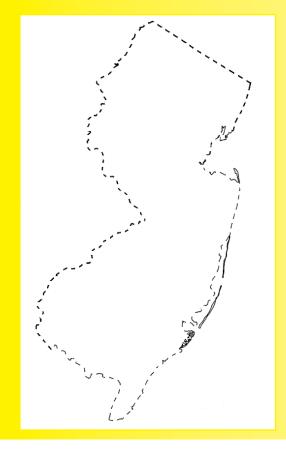


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Artisan Studio: Celebrating Its 10th Year

On February 1, 2004 Artisan Studio opened its doors to students of all ages interested in exploring the visual arts. It was a thrill for owner Marlene Bohnyak, an artist who was moving her home based small business to an expanded public location in the newly renovated and historic Hobart House on Route 79 in the heart of Marlboro Village. "I remember when my family first moved here in 1985; there was an art school right here on this corner, on the other side of the firehouse. The classes were taught by the amazing Jack Lach, our middle school Creative Arts teacher, who is still teaching there, sharing his incredible knowledge and passion for art. I had always hoped that my kids (then aged 2 and 4) would attend his classes when they were old enough. Unfortunately by that time, the building had been vacated and later demolished, a great loss to Marlboro. Little did I know that I would be so fortunate to bring art back to that exact corner of town!"

Over the years Artisan has more than doubled its size within Hobart House as it relocated downstairs to its present location. This opportunity meant a greater selection of classes and increased staff size and diversity in areas of their expertise. Marlene expressed her studio's mission:

"To share our passion for artmaking and greater understanding of the value of the processes and how they improve general learning outside of art.

To offer opportunities to explore the many venues of art and it's creative influences.

To continue to build and maintain relationships with families as our

students interests and needs change.

To be able to meet the special needs of students to help them succeed and have greater self esteem. We become part of a team as we work with parents in sharing strategies and techniques to help in handwriting, focus, patience and critical thinking."

This 10th year continues to offer new classes such as 'Cool Jools,' a mixed media jewelry making class for 'tweens;' Cover 2 Cover, a bookmaking class for ages 8-12; and Art Journals, another creative choice for kids ages 8-12, who love to write and illustrate their ideas. Beyond Scrapbook is an amazing paper craft class for adults who want to be more creative in the 3 dimensional paper medium.

Artisan Studio offers classes in Anime & Manga, Cartooning, Clay & Mache, Drawing, Fashion Design & Sewing, Famous Artists, Fashion Design & Illustration, Multicultural Arts, Origami, Painting, Papier Mache and Portfolio Prep for college bound students.

Artisan is so inspiring: artworks of students and staff are on display on walls and shelves, even hanging from the ceiling! They offer classes for all ages: toddlers to senior citizens. They also offer art camps for spring and winter breaks as well as their 9-week Summer Art Camp program for kids ages 4-14. They have parties for birthdays, earning scouts badges and 'ladies nites' too. Sunday Art Workshops are held on the last Sunday of each month from October to March. Visit their website @ artisanstudio9. com or give them a call at 732-294-0234.



Cold, Ice And Snow Safety

Winter isn't a time to just stay indoors and wait for spring. There's a whole wonderland of sports out there for the entire family sledding, snowboarding, and skiing to mention a few. Plus, someone has to shovel the snow, right?

It's easy to keep safe - and stay fit - during the cold months. By following a few tips, you can have a great time, no matter how much white stuff piles up outside.

Cold-Weather Hazards

Certain injuries are more common in the winter because cold-weather activities like ice-skating, sledding, snowboarding, and skiing can lead to accidents that often involve kids.

Now that snowboarding is drawing more kids out in the cold weather, ERs are seeing more abdominal, head, and neck injuries in those who run into trees or large rocks while snowboarding.

And some illnesses are more common when the weather turns colder. Respiratory ailments, especially viruses like the flu, are prevalent because people stay indoors more and thus are exposed to more airborne germs.

At Home

One way to stay healthy while cooped up inside is to make sure your family washes their hands. It's especially important to wash after sharing toys, coughing, and blowing a runny nose to help prevent the spread of viruses.

Decided you've had enough of the indoors and you're going to get the family outside to shovel the snow? Fine, but take care. Snow shoveling is strenuous work. It's OK for older, school-age kids to help out, but young children should not be shoveling because they can strain their muscles from lifting heavy shovels full of snow.

Younger or older, kids sometimes have a tough time knowing when to come inside from the cold. To nip frostbite in the bud, check on your kids regularly to make sure that mittens are dry and warm and noses aren't too red.

Dressing for the Cold

If you're going outside in the cold, stay safe - and warm. Make sure your kids have a snack before going out. The calories will give their bodies energy in the cold weather.

And protect your kids' faces with sunscreen. The idea of a sunburn in January can seem odd, but snow can reflect up to 85% of the sun's ultraviolet rays.

Kids should dress warmly in layers of clothes. If the top layer gets wet from snow or freezing rain, they can peel off some



clothes down to a dry layer.

Avoid cotton clothing because it won't keep the kids very warm. Stick with wool or other fabrics. Dress them in long underwear, a turtleneck, and a sweater and coat. Add more layers depending on the temperature. Waterproof pants and jackets are great top layers because they don't let the wetness seep into the other clothing. The coldweather ensemble wouldn't be complete without warm socks and boots to keep feet dry and a hat to top it off.

There's no set amount of time kids should be allowed to stay out in the cold. However, when being cold becomes unpleasant, it's time to go inside. Sometimes, though, kids may just need some dry gloves. It helps to have an extra pair of gloves or mittens tucked into their pockets if they plan to be outdoors for a while.

Winter Sports Safety

If your kids decide to go sledding on their own for the day, make sure you know about the hill where they will be playing. Is it steep or covered with trees? If so, it's not a good location for sledding. Also, watch out for hills with rocks or those near busy roads.

Sledding injuries can be very serious, resulting in broken bones and trauma to the abdomen, head, and neck. So it's wise to supervise your kids when they go sledding. Experts also suggest having kids wear helmets to help prevent head injuries.

Ice hockey and ice skating are great coldweather activities, but require safety smarts, too. Make sure your kids avoid sports injuries by wearing helmets during ice hockey games and properly fitted skates whenever on the ice. Ice skaters should also consider wearing helmets. Rinks are always safer than ponds for skating. If you only have access to a pond, check the thickness of the ice yourself to prevent falls through it and supervise your kids while they skate.

Before they hit the slopes with a snowboard or ski, make sure your kids are wearing helmets and protective goggles. Skiers' safety bindings (the attachment that secures the ski boot to the ski) should be checked yearly, and snowboarders should wear gloves with built-in wrist guards. All equipment should fit well.

you're like most Americans, you've probably got a few extra pounds you can live without. Unfortunately, after what seems like hundreds of diets and workouts, those unwanted pounds hang on for dear life. Soon the frustration sets in and you are wondering what went wrong and why the pounds aren't melting off like you thought they would.

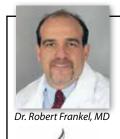
You are not alone, and the answer is a

little simpler than you think. The problem can be found in metabolism. For those unsure, metabolism is defined as the transformation of food into energy. In theory, if the amount of food or calories you need amounts exactly to the amount of calories you consume, your weight will remain unchanged or even increase. When the amount of calories consumed exceed the amount of calories needed, the excess is stored as fat. Judging from the pattern, one might conclude that

less calorie intake will result in painless weight loss. However, it doesn't always work that way and it's evident when listening to diet sob stories from patients.

The most common story I hear goes something like this, "I starved myself for weeks and lost some

weight initially. Then my weight seemed to plateau. I got frustrated and ended my diet. As soon as I went off the diet, I gained all the weight back very quickly." What happens to most in these situations is the



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muscle. The muscle mass loss reduces your metabolism. As a result, your lower calorie intake doesn't assist in dropping the weight. Once the diet ends, your weight increases coinciding with your low metabolism and diminished muscle mass. However, that doesn't mean you should give up on diets entirely. You just need to find the right diet.

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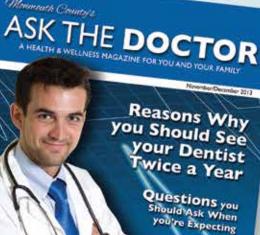
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