



Ladies Have You Heard?

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PARENTS CAN HELP CHILDREN IMPROVE SCHOOL WORK

A look at last year's report cards may make both you and your child resolve to see better grades this year. However, you may not know how to help your child because you may not know what is causing the problem.

High distractibility is the one trait most responsible for poor

school performance. Take time to find out now, early in the school year, whether or not this is the problem. If it is, you, your child and the teacher can work out some at-home strategies to improve school work.

Recognize that your child has a certain learning style and is influenced by his or her own personality characteristics. Some children can get right down to

The Country Store

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mother and return with items from the store for all her neighbors. "I'd come home with a car or a truck load," she said.

While business started out slow and sporadic, James and Lillian did not abandon their enterprise. Looking back, Lillian said she wonders how they managed to "hang in there."

However, the Zimmermans were swamped with customers during their first anniversary sale. "We didn't expect such a good turnout," Lillian said. "After the first day we had the sale, the shelves were bare."

Last year, their anniversary sale drew about 200 customers a day. Lillian hires a full-time employee to help during the anniversary sale and during the busy months of November and December, and her sister helps out whenever she's needed. During the summer Lillian hires a part-time helper.

Lillian said she has helped a number of others start stores like her own. Her advice to them was not to order too much at the beginning.

"If you order too heavily, then things set on the shelf too long," she said. Offering fresh items is an important part of running a successful shop, she noted.

Knowing how much and what to order is a skill that comes with experience. "I got a lot better," Lillian said. "You never really know exactly how much you'll need, but you can always reorder if you run out."

Experience has taught her that

shelves stocked full are more attractive to customers than scantily supplied ones.

Lillian's pleasant personality and her willingness to do special favors for her neighbors is probably another reason why her venture has been so successful. Recently, she prepared an all-natural shoo-fly pie for a neighbor as a special order.

"I'll do special things like that for people," she says.

While the store and the bargains it offers attract the customers, the farm setting helps to keep them coming back. The Zimmermans raise turkeys and usually give one away during each day of their anniversary sale in November. However, this year, the avian flu epidemic that plagued Lancaster County prevented them from raising any this year.

In addition to the turkeys, the Zimmermans also have a peacock, which customers can usually catch a glimpse of as it struts in the yard, a pony, steers, lots of cats and a swing for the kids.

"People like to see those kinds of things," Lillian observed, noting that she believes that is part of the reason her store has been so successful.

In the spring, the Zimmermans will be moving to a new location, because the farm they rent in Mount Joy has been sold. However, they say they plan to stay in the same area and continue the store.

But in the meantime, they will be busily bagging flour and sugar in preparation for the holiday rush that will be here before long.

homework after school, motivated to finish so they can go out and play. Others need some active playing time or even some resting time before they can settle down.

You can help your child learn more efficiently by showing that you have a respect for learning. Provide a place for your child to study undisturbed. This area should have adequate table space and good lighting. You may want to set aside some agreed upon "homework time" based on your child's age and the amount of homework assigned. Once again, it may be helpful to discuss this with your child's teacher.

PUT TOGETHER A STAIN REMOVAL KIT

It is an axiom that stains are easier to remove from fabrics when treated promptly. The longer the stain remains, the more difficult it becomes to remove. But whether they are taken care of promptly or before laundering the items, stains generally require special attention. Many stains will come out in the wash, especially if good laundering techniques are used. Some, however, are more complex and call for pretreatment.

So put together a first aid kit for stain removal and be ready for inevitable spots and spills. Start with a stain removal chart. Of course, there are a number of laundry products and aids you may have on hand that can be used in treating some stains - detergent, soap, bleach - chlorine or oxygen, enzyme presoak, prewash soil and stain remover and detergent boosters. Other products stocked in most homes that are also helpful in removing certain stains include ammonia, baking soda and white vinegar. Stain removers that should be part of the kit include a rust remover and solvents such as cleaning fluid, denatured alcohol, rubbing alcohol, turpentine, mineral spirits. Add supplies such

as clean, lint-free cloths; paper towels; sponge; brush; dull knife; measuring cup and spoons. Store

the kit in the laundry area, ready for use, but out of reach of children.

Sullivan Co. plans Foliage Festival

DUSHORE — The annual Flaming Foliage Festival of Sullivan County, sponsored by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the fairgrounds (Rt. 154) in Forksville on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Woodsmen's Day will start on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. with demonstrations of lumbering events by a Clinton County lumberjack team led by James McGuire, Jr. The contests for men, women and children will begin at 1 p.m. with the follow-events planned - crosscut sawing, ax throwing, chain saw (18 & over), log rolling, speed chopping (experienced only), pulp throwing and dot splitting.

Also on Saturday the Sullivan Wilds 25 Mile Competitive Ride will be held. This is an Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Arabian Horse Association, North-Central East Division. Nearly 50 horses and riders, will be seen during the day as the ride starts and ends on the fairgrounds.

The Antique Gas Engine Show

will be held both days with an increased number of exhibitors showing many sizes of "Old-time" make and break gasoline engines performing such tasks as butter churning, grain grinding, wood-cutting and operating other old equipment. Antique cars will also be on display.

The Craftsmen of the Endless Mountains, a regional group of craft persons dedicated to quality crafts, will be featured at the annual craft show and sale. Many other craft persons will be present also for the two-day show.

Displays and demonstrations of various crafts will be on going in the Exhibit Building. Members of the Old Fashioned Quilters of Sullivan County will be showing and demonstrating.

There will be food and other entertainment for visitors to this festival which is held during the beautiful autumn foliage season in Sullivan County of the Endless Mountains region.

Information about the Flaming Foliage Festival or other events in Sullivan County may be obtained by contacting the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Box 1C Dushore PA 18614.

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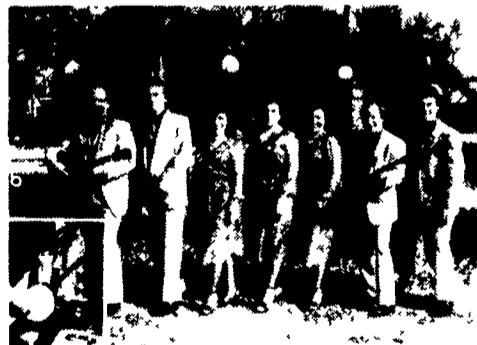
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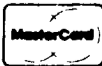
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