

TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC

Celebrating 12 years of Tutoring Children

MAY

Excited children eager to learn

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Tutors for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit community-based organization of volunteers who support the local educational process. Our Mission: Meeting student educational needs as defined by the teacher through suitable and trained volunteer tutors in the local, Tri-county Title 1 public schools as determined by the Board of Directors.

Tutors are reminded to pick up books for every student in the class, as well as their pupils, for the end of the school year. If you and another tutor help in the same class, please make sure that only one of you distributes books. Many of the children in school have no books at home to read, and we don't want them to fall out of the habit over the summer! A very wise man, (Frank), told me to bring only 2 or 3 titles to class to let them choose. I pick one title generally of interest to boys, one to girls, and one to both. If you know some children are reading above their grade level, bring more advanced books for them. If any SBC needs 3rd grade to 6th-grade level books email me at KLynchFORE@aol.com.

Sandy Lynch, Head Book Coordinator



Our Book Program –

If you have looked at the cost of buying a new book lately, you know that like everything else, the price of books has gone up. Even a young person's book could cost \$15 - \$20. And if your student is in Grades 5 – 8, raise the price to \$25 – \$30. This is a problem. All our schools are Title One schools which means 85 -99 percent of our students live in families near the poverty line. Buying books or any printed material for these students is not likely. Our School Book Coordinators, under the leadership of Sandy Lynch, have accumulated an inventory of 15,000 new books. These books are distributed to Tutors for Kids book rooms, in all our schools. They are waiting there for you to pick up for your students. Remember: "Only you, the tutor, can help solve the problem of students not having reading material for the summer". Don't forget to distribute the books to your students.

Tutors needed for the Fall School Opening



Do you remember before the pandemic in the Spring of 2020, Tutors for kids had over 500 tutors working in twelve schools where we tutored about 2500 students each week? And then came the pandemic causing school to be done remotely, if at all. So, two years have gone by where schools have tried heroically to return to some sense of normality, We know that many of the students that we were tutoring were 1 – 2 years behind in their grade levels. This did not improve 'magically' over the past two years. So, 2,500 students still need your help and more. You and your neighbors/friends can help immensely. Spread the word: ***Tutoring is a place where you can help bring about big changes in a student's life.***

What it means to tutor – A look back

Article by Frank Russo



The end of another school year is fast approaching. Despite the pandemic we have had tutors in the classrooms working with students. This is a good time to look back and see what it means to tutor.

When a tutor starts a year there are many different emotions that you feel before you walk into a classroom. Many of our tutors were former teachers or school aides. This group was anxious to get started. They all knew the school systems. So even if they had been out of a classroom for many years, they knew it was like riding a bike. You never forget 'how to' and know everything will come back quickly as soon as you walk into a classroom. But here is the case with about 50 percent of our tutors. They were never teachers. Nothing was going to come back automatically! Anxiety was possibly the prevailing emotion for most of us. What was tutoring really like? Can I do this? Will I be able to help the students? What do I really do in the classroom? These few questions plus 1,000 more ran through the minds of newest tutors. Now that the year is almost over you can see what it means to tutor. One thought that probably never went through anybody's mind was: How do my students feel about sitting down 'one-on-one' with a 'strange adult'? In most cases, after a few weeks went by many questions the tutors had, have been answered. Most of you realized that: "Of course I can do this, these children are so young and want so much help...". And I could see that after a few weeks the children are relaxed and started to pay more attention. I could even push them a little harder, often they would respond positively. Unless you had a hidden 'magic touch' most of our students did not make the 'top ten' in the class academically. But many of your students did make some improvements. Most of your students made some academic gains. But you know that they did feel better about themselves, had a better experience of school; and hopefully will do a little more reading this summer. Reading more this summer will be due to the books you are giving out to your whole class. Don't forget to give out books!

And come back to tutor in the Fall.



Tutors for Kids is on Facebook. go to Facebook and search ***Tutors For Kids***



Meet one of our tutors. This could be you. Apply today!

Ann Rosati, one of Tutors for Kids, is a wonderful School Tutor Coordinator (STC). In addition, she is a volunteer at Wildwood Elementary School for second graders since 2014.. Ann is a coordinator for the placement of tutors with second grade teachers that request one on one tutoring for students in need of help.

THANK YOU, ANN

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MAY FACTS

The month of May is named after the Greek goddess, Maia, who looked after plants. The month is also known for love and success, and is a month of transition. The May flower is the Lily of the Valley, which resembles a bell and has a sweet fragrance. The birthstone for May is the emerald. There is only one federal holiday, it is *Memorial Day*, which honors those who died while serving their country in the armed forces. May 5th is *Cinco de Mayo day*, which is mainly a day for celebrations. Mother's Day is a day to honor all mothers, and a day for florists to get rich! Then at the end of the month there is the familiar sentence, "gentlemen start your engines." Back home again in Indiana is the Indianapolis 500 auto race.

What's for Breakfast? A recipe to make the night before and serve after baking in the morning:

Ingredients

- 12 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 oz)
- 2 cups small broccoli florets
- 1 cup crumbled cooked bacon

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom of 13x9-inch (3-quart) baking dish with cooking spray. (next morning)

- In large bowl, whisk eggs and milk, ; stir in garlic, salt, pepper flakes and cheese.
- Add broccoli and bacon to baking dish, spreading evenly. Pour egg mixture on top, gently stirring mixture to distribute. Cover and refrigerate about 8 hours (overnight).
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Answer to April's Math problem

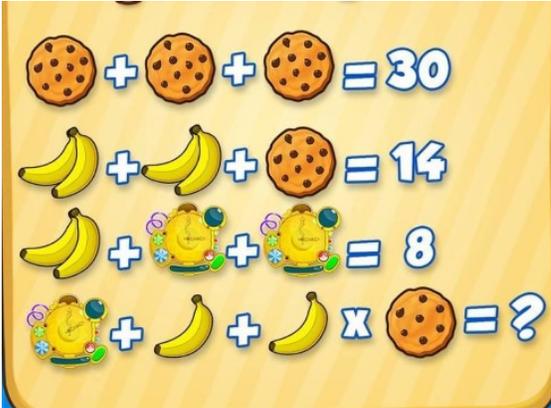
Answer = 10

Cookies have 10 chips. But last cookie has only 7 chips.

Time 2:00, 1 banana, 1 banana, cookie 7 chips

$2+1+1 \times 7 =$

Multiply first $7 \times 1 = 7$ $+= 3 = 10$



VOLUNTEER to be a TUTOR this fall. If you are a tutor, ask your friends if they want to tutor!

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