



TEACHING THE RIGHT BRAIN CHILD

PART II

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Teach your children to work “SMARTER” not “HARDER”

Right brain children learn and memorize information differently than their left brain siblings. They love it when you show them how to learn so that things “stick instead of slip”. Help them get in touch with the smart part of themselves. When you learn to “teach to their strength”, they shine in schooling. “Curriculum driven” teaching is left brain teaching.

If you have a child who doesn't like school work, or thinks it is too hard or boring, you will find them come alive when you start using Right Brain Teaching Strategies with them!

I. Strategies for kids who test poorly

- A. Show your children how to take “picture notes” of a chapter or concept (grammar, geography, social studies or science) for storage in the long term memory, and easier test recall.*
- B. Teach your children to visualize an entire chapter of notes, using his/her natural photographic memory for easy test taking. This technique is used at Cambridge University!*

II. Taming the Math Monster

- A. Teach multiplication facts by using ‘visual velcro’ on them...color, picture, weird and humor. They stick easily, then. These are fun.*

B. For your child who can't remember how to do the problems, after they have been taught, teach math 'processes' (fractions, decimals, measurement) by using a story with each one, with a colorful picture. The 'weirder' the story is, the much better they remember it! Works well for Algebra processes also!

III. Vocabulary the easy way!

A. Watch your children look forward to their vocabulary lessons when you teach them in cartoon form with picture and humor. The "old way" of writing definitions and then taking a test leads to short term retention of new vocabulary words. The "new way" yields long lasting results.

B. This process can later be streamlined, by teaching your children to "see" the word in their head, and "see" the meaning attached to it. Works great for college students too!!

*HSLDA's new website: "Homeschooling the Struggling Learner", has the four learning gates, their characteristics, and more importantly, the interventions that a parent can use to help their child get past the learning block. This information packed website is a Godsend for homeschooling families.

www.hslda.org/strugglinglearner Join HSLDA and receive many benefits for your children!

Dianne offers private consultations for homeschool families in Denver. As an educator and nutritionist, she can give help to families in unique ways. She videotapes the sessions so that parents can follow the interventions easily at home. See the Consultation description and Right Brain Teaching products, along with many articles on children and learning and DVD's of Right Brain Teaching Strategies to use at home with your struggling child:

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