

Health Literacy Reminder

Those of you who are working on health literacy with your student, please turn in your pre- and post-test by January. Remember, the more of you who turn them in, the more money we earn for Literacy Volunteers – Chippewa Valley. Thank you for your time on this project!!

Contact Laura @715-834-2451 if you have any questions.

“End of Semester” Celebration

Literacy Volunteers’ Eau Claire Family Literacy Program will celebrate a very successful fall semester on December 22nd. The event will include a visit from Santa, followed by a potluck. If you would like to join us for this event, please R.S.V.P. amouttaki@lvcv.org.

Calendar of Events

12/7/10 Verizon Open House (5:30-6:30)
12/22/10 Family “End of Semester” Celebration



Please Report Hours Again



Tutors please go to www.bit.ly/lvcvtimesheet by the 5th of every month and report your hours and any recent accomplishments of your students. (*Forewarned is Forearmed!*) Next month, January 2011, we will have you respond to some additional questions regarding your student’s goals and specific accomplishments. Please be thinking about what your student has accomplished towards their goals.

Tutor Training

Want a resolution that can change someone’s life? Encourage someone to be a tutor! New tutor training starts in Jan and Feb. If interested, direct them to our website or to call Cheryl at (715)834-0429. In Eau Claire, daytime tutors are particularly needed!

Looking For

- *Small refrigerator
- *Bus Tokens or Passes for adult students

(You may also donate \$\$ which can be specified for specific purposes!)

Come and help us celebrate!

“Using Technology to Transform Learning”

Verizon Grant Check Presentation

Tuesday, December 7th 5:30 - 6:30

At the
Eau
Claire
Office

- FOOD - sub sandwiches, chips, cake and punch
- PRIZES - enter a drawing for a free phone and more!
- Learn about upcoming Thinkfinity Nights



Celebrate Writing 2011 “My Perfect Day...”

Each year students are given the opportunity to be published in a book of student writings. You and your student(s) will each receive a copy at the *Celebration of the Stars* event, held May 17, 2011. Stay tuned for more information on that event. “My Perfect Day...” is the prompt for this year’s writing. There are many different aspects you can help your student explore. This day can be real or imaginary; it can already have occurred or it might happen in the future. As always, we encourage you to incorporate literacy.

Gathering Ideas

Help your student gather ideas to write about by using some brainstorming techniques: free writing, mapping, drawing, even visualization – you could have them close their eyes and imagine their perfect day. Below are some questions that may help get things started.

- What are your hobbies?
- What do you enjoy doing?
- What do you find relaxing?
- What would you like to be able to do?
- How does what you are learning contribute to a perfect day?
- What things can you do now that you were not able to do before coming to Literacy Volunteers?
- When is your favorite time of day?
- What are your favorite foods?
- What do you like to eat and drink?
- Who are the people you like to spend time with?
 - These people can be dead or alive; or even a fictional character in a book or movie.
- Where is your favorite place to be?
- What kind of weather do you enjoy?
- What kind of animals do you like? Why?

Writing

Once you have decided on some core items they want included in their perfect day, help them to organize in some fashion – by importance, or the order in which they would occur. Don’t forget to be very descriptive. What are the sounds, smells, shapes, colors, tastes? What activities are they doing? How are they feeling?

Revising and Editing

We want to maintain the integrity of each student’s work as much as possible. While you can make sure that the sentences are complete and the words are spelled correctly, any edits should be demonstrated within the student’s learning curve.

How to Submit...

Stories can be submitted anytime, but must be received by **March 21, 2011**. Early entries are encouraged! In addition to their story, please return the signed release form allowing us to publish their writings. There are several ways to submit:

- 1) Type it in Word and attach it in an email to **lreisinger@lvcv.org**.
- 2) Leave the story and signed release form at any Literacy Volunteers office.
- 3) Mail the story and signed release form to the Eau Claire County office.

To find a copy of the release, go to <http://www.lvcv.org/tutor-forms> and click on Celebrate Writing release form or contact Laura at 715-834-0222.

We hope you enjoy this Newsletter. If you want to see something in the future, please let us know. If you want to be removed from the list, email: mbeebe@lvcv.org