### **March 2014**





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#### **Literacy Statistics**

% of 4th Graders Scoring below Basic Reading Levels (2011) - 23% in NH

Two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare. Over **70** percent of America's inmates cannot read above a 4th grade level

75 percent of Americans who receive food stamps perform at the lowest 2 levels of literacy, and **90** percent of high school dropouts are on welfare

53 percent of 4th graders admitted to reading recreational "almost every day," while only **20 percent of 8th graders** could say the same. (2009 study)

Literacy is a learned skill. Illiteracy is passed down from parents who can neither read nor write.

## **Read Across America Week**

I think it safe to say that we all understand how important reading and the ability to read well is to every individual in America! Your level of reading can open up doors or close them shut. Your ability to comprehend the English language can help you navigate life successfully and happily, or it can send you to jail. Understanding your language and its impact on those around you can give you freedom to choose the path you travel, or force you to work within limited options

All parents want their children to have more options and be happier in their life than they were. It is our duty as parents to set the stage for a life of learning and that starts with reading. Not every child gravitates easily to reading but I guarantee every child is interested in something that can be found in a book.

New England Tutors is offering a free book this month. Check out our offer HERE along with all the exciting events going on this month.

If you find our monthly newsletter helpful, pass it along to a friend and like us on <u>Facebook</u>. Please give us a call at 603.953.5025 if you would like to see us tackle a specific challenge in one of our monthly e-blasts.

If you have something to contribute, visit <u>our blog</u> or send me a note at allison@netutors.com

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# In the News

US NEWS and World Report (February 24, 2014) High Schools, Districts Work to Boost Graduation Rates Even Higher - The nationwide high school graduation rate has reached 80 percent – the highest in American history. That's what a new study released by the U.S. Department of Education revealed last month. But while more students are graduating high school than ever, the hundreds of thousands of students who drop out each year are more likely to be subject to a lifetime of poverty and lack of opportunity. (read more) click on each stat above to be taken to the source citation.

### **Upcoming Events**

March 4, 2014

UNH Intern Fair at the Whittemore Center. Visit our booth as we are looking for interns! Learn more here.

March 8, 20143

Mock SAT sponsored by New England Tutors and hosted by Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth, NH. **Register** here.

March 22, 2014

Portsmouth Christian Academy annual Benefit Auction. Place a bid on a New England Tutors Learning Package and help raise money for a great school! Learn more here.

March -June

Ounces For A's.Earn free frozen yogurt for every A earned on your report card. Learn more here

March 26, 2014

NHMI's Safe Sports Network is hosting their inaugural "Safe Sports Social" and New England Tutors has donated an SAT prep package. Learn more here

March 29, 2014

Partnering For Strength Conference at the Grappone Center in Concord NH. Learn more here Huffington Post (January 28, 2014) What the New SAT Could Look Like And Why It May Be Mandatory - While Coleman and the College Board have been cagey about the details of changing the SAT, there are some definite areas we can expect the changes to target. In a 2012 appearance at the Brookings Institution, Coleman cited two portions on the test that needed to change: the vocabulary and the essay. In its current incarnation, the vocabulary on the SAT tests words one is not likely to find in daily life -- words like picayune and treacly -- in the context of a single sentence. Coleman opined that vocabulary guestions should instead center on familiar and usable vocabulary, "words like transform, deliberate, hypothesis." In the same talk, Coleman mentioned a need to overhaul the essay, suggesting that students write short essays analyzing source materials rather than pulling examples out of thin air; he echoed this sentiment at the NACAC meeting in 2012 but did not offer further specifics. (read more)

# What Are Your Plans This Summer?

New England Tutors love summer time because we can be creative in how we engage in learning. Whether our students need to catch up (credit recovery), maintain (special needs programs), or move ahead (enrichment), our tutors shine with their unique approach to helping your student tackle their goals. 10 weeks of summer can make the difference between a successful, confident student or a struggling, somber one. Summer tutoring doesn't have to mean "Summer School". Call us today and lets talk about your student.



# New England Tutors Now Offers Services For Families and Students Living With Autism?

Every one of our students is unique and deserve the opportunity to reach their potential. We work with a network of the most talented educators in New Hampshire that are passionate about the tireless work they do with those with special challenges. This winter we welcomed <u>Cindy Ziobrowski</u> to our team of exceptional professionals.

We now offer a full menu of Family Advocacy Services, School District Services and Resources, IEP creation and monitoring support, Professional Development Programs for Teachers, Parents and

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events click here.

Administrators, and of course Academic tutoring and Mentoring designed for your students specific needs. Visit us <u>here</u> to learn more about all our services

To learn more about how we can help your student and schedule a FREE consultation call Allison at 603.953.5025 or email me: <u>allison@netutors.com</u>.



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