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Welcome to the second semester of homeschooling with Lincoln Learning Solutions!

We hope your first semester was filled with exciting learning experiences. As we embark on the next part of this academic journey, here are some essential updates for you.



ORDERING COURSES

To select courses for the second semester, please visit our course catalog on our website. You can find it by following these steps:

- 1 Go to our website at www.lincolnlearningsolutions.org
- 2 Click on the **"Solutions"** tab
- 3 Navigate to the **"Homeschool"** section
- 4 Browse our comprehensive course catalog to choose the subjects that best suit your student's needs



If you have any questions or need assistance, our support team is here to help. Reach out to us via email or through our Facebook group.



AT-HOME SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Engage your students in hands-on learning with simple and fascinating at-home science experiments! This month, we're featuring the classic "Baking Soda and Vinegar" experiment.

BAKING SODA AND VINEGAR EXPERIMENT



Discover the chemical interactions between baking soda and vinegar in a safe and enjoyable way.

HERE'S A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE:

STEP 1: Gather Your Materials

- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- A cored apple, Play-Doh volcano, or bowl
- Baking tray
- Safety goggles
- Gloves
- Food coloring (optional)



STEP 3: Safety First

Ensure your children wear safety goggles and gloves.



STEP 5: Reaction Time

Add 1 tablespoon of baking soda into your vessel and observe the chemical reaction.

STEP 2: Predict and Discuss

Have your children predict what will happen when baking soda combines with vinegar. They can write, draw, or explain the chemical reaction.



STEP 4: Setting Up

Place your chosen vessel on a baking tray, add 3 tablespoons of vinegar, and, optionally, food coloring.



STEP 6: Reflect

Discuss the predictions with your children. Were they correct? Why or why not?

Extend the activity by experimenting with flour or sugar instead of baking soda. Encourage older students to delve into chemical bonds and explore different ratios. **For more at-home experiments, explore ideas like rotting fruit, soda pop and Mentos, homemade ice cream, slime, crystal creations, and bath bombs.**



BEAT THE WINTERTIME BLUES WITH FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Combat the winter blues with free and enjoyable family activities. **Here are some suggestions:**

LOUVRE VIRTUAL TOUR

Experience the Louvre for free at home and recreate your favorite pictures.

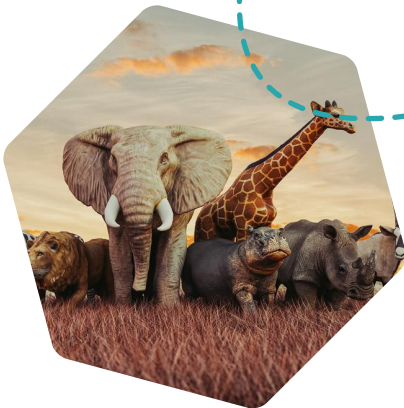
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DR. SEUSS EXPLORATION

Dive into the world of Dr. Seuss.

Explore his work and activities here:

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We hope these activities add a touch of excitement and joy to your homeschooling journey. Stay tuned for more updates and enriching content from Lincoln Learning Solutions. **Happy learning!**



5 TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE STUDY HABITS



Testing time can be a source of anxiety for many K-12 students. Helping your child prepare can ease their stress, help them focus, and can ultimately make a huge difference in their academic outcomes. We've put together the following study tips to help your child be ready and confident on test day. It's important to keep in mind that every student is different, and your student may need to use variations of these techniques to prepare for an exam.

1. STUDY REGULARLY

When a test is scheduled, encourage your student not to wait until the night before to study. Daily, regular review is the best approach to studying. It eliminates the stressful environment caused by scrambling the night before to prepare. It's not fun to feel panicked; this doesn't have to happen if your student plans accordingly. Encourage them to set aside 10 minutes after completing their homework each evening (or longer if needed) to review any upcoming test material.

2. DISCOVER HOW YOUR STUDENT LEARNS BEST

Is your student an auditory, visual, or tactile learner?

- **Auditory learners** tend to learn the material best through video or sound, as hearing the information helps them with learning.
- **Visual learners** learn best by seeing the material, which includes practices such as reading text, looking over notes and diagrams, or watching a presentation.
- **Tactile (or kinesthetic) learners** learn best through touch and movement. They take a more hands-on approach to learning. An activity such as a manipulative would help a tactile learner while studying. To discover your students' learning styles, have them complete this quick online quiz.

3. LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Once your student gets into the habit of setting aside time to study each day, be sure that they focus on the task at hand and limit distractions. Put the smartphone away and silence notifications. Also, turn off the music. Although reports are conflicting, one study found music to be distracting and not helpful in learning environments. Make sure that your student is using study time wisely.

4. SET A DAILY GOAL

Have your students write down what they want to accomplish while studying. Do they want to review one chapter? Two chapters? Do they want to focus on a specific concept? Setting study goals will help to keep your students focused on a task they feel is attainable. Most importantly, it will keep them from feeling overwhelmed.

5. GET YOUR REST

School-aged children require between 8 and 11 hours of sleep each night. Too little sleep will cause your student to be unable to focus. Thinking clearly is important when taking an exam. Getting the proper amount of sleep also helps with memory function, which, in turn, helps with test-taking. A Penn State article discussing sleep duration and study habits explains that it is important for children to get no less than 9 hours of sleep each night. Additionally, the article explains that the amount of sleep needed varies for each individual.



If you have additional study tips that work well for your student, please share them with our community by commenting below. Let's work together to help our students thrive!



CREDIT RECOVERY

What you need to know!

- ✔ Credit recovery courses provide students the opportunity to recover credits while building their own learning pathways.
- ✔ Assessment questions are aligned and tagged at the learning objective level, collectively meeting the standards.
- ✔ Students will be able to meet performance expectations via the coursework presented to them, along with support and feedback from their teacher.
- ✔ Students may test out of content they have already mastered and spend more time focusing on content areas they need to master.
- ✔ The Credit Recovery courses are intended to be an abbreviated experience as students should already have some functional understanding of the content.
- ✔ Credit Recovery content is course-specific content. The design is highly dependent on the standards, the discipline area, and the pedagogy surrounding the online delivery of the content.

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