

Pointers For Parents

Games Students Play At Home Help Learning

(NAPSA)—Getting high marks from young schoolchildren and their parents is an award-winning slate of educational DVD games for interactive play on the TV. The games are aimed at children in grades pre-K through 4 and help them build the skills they need.

The games are devised to create a new experience for children, families and teachers.

For Grades pre-K-1st

One is an interactive DVD game for children that builds skills in letter sounds, telling time, colors and shapes, problem-solving and more. Called “Frankie’s Field Trip,” it takes pre-K children through a world filled with puzzles and games and the delightful sing-along songs that children love.

For Grades 2, 3 and 4

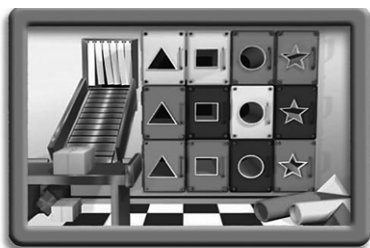
Based on the popular Polly Sparks character, these include interactive DVD quiz games for children ages 6 to 10. Called “JumpStart Power Prep,” the multiplayer games give kids an entertaining experience that will benefit them long after they’ve finished playing. Each product features 300 total questions focusing on essential math, reading and language skills. Each game includes test-taking tips in a fun and exciting quiz show format. In addition, players can choose to hear instructions in English or Spanish, especially helpful for bilingual or English-as-a-second-language students.

More Ways To Help Them

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- Show them you like to read. Point out articles of interest to kids in this publication or others you may have. Let them see you read books for pleasure.

- Talk to your child about homework assignments and school events. Create a weekly checklist and cross off each item or task as it’s completed.



Shapes/Colors

Fun games that back up school lessons and help children learn are also popular with parents.

- Show how knowing math adds to their lives. Have youngsters measure out the ingredients when you cook and calculate balances and budgets when you pay bills.

- Bring history to life by taking a look back at your own family. Let your youngsters interview grandparents and other relatives about their experiences and look at old family books, clothes and pictures.

- Read aloud to your children long before they understand what you’re saying. Point to the words on the page as you say them. Follow the sentence with your finger so children recognize how words appear on the page.

- Be involved with your child’s school. Attend parent-teacher conferences, join the PTA, go to school events and attend school board meetings if you can.

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DVD games on television are growing in popularity. One reason is that all you need is a DVD player to play them and parents don’t need to go out and buy separate games. The interactive products, devised by Knowledge Adventure and distributed by Be Equal, offer parents and youngsters fun games kids enjoy playing at home and valuable skill-building lessons parents can trust.

To learn more, visit www.bequal.com.