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We See the Light at the End of the Tunnel!

And it's Not a Train!

THE RESEARCH PAPER

The purpose of writing a research paper is to share what you have gained during the research study. However, there are always stumbling blocks. Be prepared to offer your child some ideas and help with time management. However keep this point in mind this paper is about what your child learned. It is important for them to explain this new knowledge from their perspective. A few supplies, a good workspace, an eye on the due dates, some objectivity about the whole process, and a **ton** of patience will support your child immensely. The biggest reward for you as parents will be watching your child work independently to write something they are proud of.

THE PRODUCT

The purpose of creating a product is to create something new and useful from the research the student has completed. This is the highest level of thinking known as synthesizing. One example that was shared with was of a young man that wanted to understand the effect of stress on healing. This was a pretty large undertaking. Once his research was complete he designed a care bag for young children that were headed into surgery. In the bag he placed a book that explained what was going to happen while they were in surgery, a stuffed animal, and a few card games that could played before they went into surgery. This is an excellent example of researching a topic such as stress and creating something new and useful from the knowledge acquired.



How to Help

Encourage your child to use the help pages that have been provided for them.

Listen to project ideas and offer suggestions if needed.

Remind students to work within their area of strengths.

If you think the child's product seems impossible, ask questions to see how he/she will solve the problems rather than squelch the idea.

Have your child make a materials list and estimate costs to decide if you can afford his/her ideas, and or if these materials are available. You don't need to buy stock in Hobby Lobby!

Regularly check with your child about the due dates and their progress.

Have your child proofread for correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar before he/she makes anything permanent.

Have your child refer to the help pages that have been given out. These may help you as well when the child seems confused or frustrated.

Remind your child that his/her facts have already been gathered and organized. The outlined they completed should be used as prewriting.

Insist that plagiarism is not allowed for any reason.