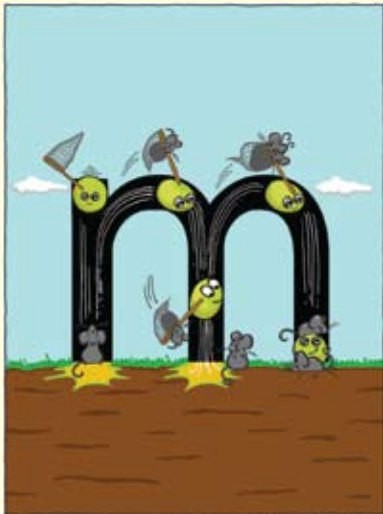


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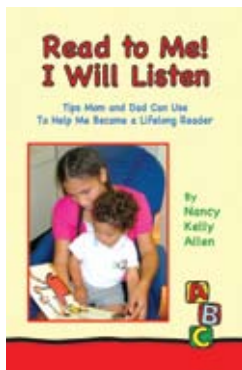


M Bounces Twice to Catch the Mice

Move into Writing is a pediatric occupational therapy practice specializing in the treatment of handwriting difficulties. The program targets letter formation in a fun, creative and truly multisensory way. At the same time, the underlying mechanisms responsible for the handwriting difficulty (e.g., poor motor coordination or sensory integration issues) are addressed through individualized treatment plans. Intensive keyboarding, prewriting and handwriting camps are offered in the summer. 301-770-0604. miwtherapy.com

Leading Them to Reading

The impact that a love of reading can have on your child's life cannot be overstated. Though published by a press specializing in serving teens who are pregnant and/or parenting, the 30-page booklet *Read to Me! I Will Listen: Tips Mom and Dad Can Use to Help Me Become a Lifelong Reader* provides simple and inexpensive ways all parents can help their children enjoy reading and enhance reading skills as they grow. Author Nancy Kelly Allen's practical suggestions are told from the perspective of a child, in separate sections for Baby and Toddler, Preschool, Little Kid Reader and Big Kid Reader. Available from morningglorypress.com.



Encouraging Kids' Philanthropy

Panera Bread is partnering with Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and local Northern Virginia elementary schools through "Change for Children," benefiting the hospital's Child Life Program. Elementary school participants are challenged to come up with unique fundraising activities. The first partnership is with Spring Hill Elementary School in McLean, which has come up with a yummy *Change for Children Sandwich Showcase Cookbook*, which will be sold in all 30 Northern Virginia Panera Bread locations through January 31. "Change for Children" will continue through the school year and come to completion in May 2009. Additional schools are welcome to join as the program progresses. Contact Betsy Dexter, 859-396-9596, betsy.dexter@panerabread.com or Kristin O'Brien, 703-776-6081, kristin.obrien@inova.org.



Learning From the BEST!

KS White Tiger Martial Arts proudly starts its premiere martial arts program in Rockville. Head Master "Lee" majored in martial arts at a university and is a professional helping students develop to their highest potential. The program includes tae kwon do, hap ki do, a wide range of weapon martial arts and martial arts mental spirit. The program is recognized and certified by the World Tae Kwon Do Headquarters and World Tae Kwon Do Federation. Classes are offered for Tiny Tigers (ages 3-5), children, teens, adults and families. Check out the opening member special. 301-231-0880, ilovemasterlee.com.



Tiny Dancers in Lorton

Starting January 13th, The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton will be filled with the sound of music and the joy of dance, as Fairfax-based Tiny Dancers opens the 2009 season with its award-winning dance program. The classes are specially designed for children ages 2 to 5 and feature age-appropriate choreography and classical technique in a fun and nurturing environment. 703-385-5580, tinydancers.com.

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Birthing a Business

Entrepreneur and educator Julie Lenzer Kirk beams the fact she couldn't find an equivalent to *What to Expect When You're Expecting* for what to expect when you're creating a business. Her book *The ParentPreneur Edge: What Parenting Teaches About Building a Successful Business* is the solution, paralleling birthing and parenting a child to starting and growing a business. There are anecdotes from her and other parentpreneurs' experiences, with great tips that are both down to earth and strategic. parentpreneuredge.com

