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KEEP KIDS ON TRACK DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Oradell, NJ (Grassroots Newswire)- **Since learning centers stay open when schools are closed for the winter holidays, parents can schedule supplemental instruction to keep their children on track, or to help their children catch up in school. Also, with the results of fall PSATs, SATs, and ACTs coming in, the holidays are a good time to work on improving scores in exam prep courses offered at learning centers.**

Dr. Raymond J. Huntington, co-founder and president of Huntington Learning Center, recommends those parents help keep their children interested in learning while on their winter break. In addition to enrollment at a learning center, he offers the following advice for parents during the holidays:

1. **Create an agenda for your child.** This will maintain structure while not on a school schedule.
2. **Participate in your child's time off.** As Dr. Huntington explains, "The effect that a parent's involvement has on a child's learning process is profound. As a parent, being part of your child's learning experience raises your child's self-esteem and helps him or her achieve true growth."
3. **Make a special occasion of a trip to the library.** Select a topic or story category prior to getting to the library so you and your child have a focus.
4. **Coordinate group trips.** Plan a trip for your child and a few friends to attend an exhibit or tour a museum. Science museums, for example, are a great way to involve your child with hands-on learning. If your schedule does not permit you to host the trip, perhaps a few of the other parents can be the guides while you assume the responsibility of planning.
5. **Work with your child.** According to Dr. Huntington, "Performing tasks and doing chores are great ways to approach learning sensibly. Find fun and engaging jobs around the house, particularly ones that will create family togetherness." He says, "Break down complex tasks into simple steps. As the child accomplishes the task, he or she will feel the rewards of completion and a higher sense of self-confidence."

At Huntington Learning Center, specially trained teachers work with children to build study skills, confidence, and motivation. A customized instructional program is prescribed based on the results of an initial diagnostic test. “As advocates of the child,” Dr. Huntington says, “our goal is to help a child reach his or her full potential. Our mission, since 1977 when we opened our first learning center, is to give every student the best education possible.”

With hundreds of learning centers across the country, Huntington Learning Center offers instruction in reading, writing, math, phonics, and study skills, as well as one-to-one SAT and ACT exam prep.

Parents who would like additional information or are concerned about a specific aspect of their child’s academic performance are encouraged to call Huntington Learning Center at 1-800 CAN LEARN.