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From the Desk of the Center Director

Expectations are a funny thing. They can lift your spirit up, or they can crush it with their weight. The key to expectations is reconciling reality and fantasy. Expectations have to be realistic, but they also have to be high enough that fulfilling them is meaningful. If a child expresses an interest in becoming a doctor or a lawyer or even a pilot, there are certain realities that must be addressed. If a child is poor in math and does not have the ability to really achieve in that subject, is it realistic to expect that the child will become a doctor? If the child commits to working extremely hard, there is a possibility. On the other hand, the child is much more likely to succeed if he or she capitalizes on areas of real strength and aptitude. Let’s assume for a moment that the child in question is willing to put in the work to be proficient enough in math to become a doctor. What is the next step? This is where expectation becomes tricky. The decision to work hard is just the start. Now goals must be set to make the expectation a reality. Thomas Edison is famous for inventing an inexpensive light bulb, but he is arguably as famous for all the failures that led to his creation than for the creation itself. Why? Simple. He expected that he could create a light bulb that was relatively inexpensive. That expectation led to goals. Goals were the key; without reasonable goals, he would not have fulfilled the expectation he had for himself. One thing is certain, however; his goals brought him success. More interestingly, his failed goals brought him success. I don’t know how realistic his initial expectation was, but he obviously had the essential skills from the outset. I don’t know how reasonable his goals were, but he achieved them. What I do know is that his expectations, coupled with his goals, coupled with his persistent effort, led to his success. Expectations are achievable when they are realistic, and when goals are set. That is one thing we do here at Academics Plus, Inc. We discuss your expectations, we set goals for you or your child, and we put forth the effort to help those goals get met. It takes commitment from us and our clients, but that is what Academics Plus, Inc. offers. We have shown commitment throughout our twenty years in the tutoring business. It is that commitment, that expectation of our business and our employees, which has made us a success. So call or visit us today for a free consultation. Let us help you or your child meet and exceed all expectations.

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People of Academics Plus, Inc.

Carla Camp joined the Academics Plus, Inc. team in January of 2009. Although she has had many jobs in the past, she feels the most rewarding job is the one she has right now working with children. “I have never had a career that is more fulfilling in my life! I’m so glad to be a part of Academics Plus, Inc.” Ms. Camp and others like her help Academics Plus, Inc. remain a thriving company. Her outlook is not unique. It is what we look for in our staff. It is what we expect.



Quote of the Month

Whatever we expect with confidence becomes our own self-fulfilling prophecy. -Brian Tracy

How many 5 and 6 letter words can you make using the letters in Expectation?

Place commas in the following sentence wherever necessary.

Thomas likes model cars planes and ships but he does not like model trains.

Find the errors in the following sentence.

Brianna left late, because she over slept.

Are you smarter than North Carolina 5th Graders?

- 1. Which area would be most affected by wind erosion?
A. deserts
B. swamps
C. plains
D. forests
- 2. Which process makes water turn from a liquid form to a gas form?
A. condensation
B. precipitation
C. evaporation
D. freezing
- 3. Jenna has 4/5 of a dollar, Paul has \$0.95, Mark has 5/10 of a dollar, and Kelly has \$0.52. Who has the **smallest** amount of money?
A. Jenna
B. Paul
C. Mark
D. Kelly

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Expectation can be made into well over 30 words, including: stance, nieces, ascent, toxins, titans, tiptoe, atone, instep, potent, piston, poetic, petite, encase, scion, opine, tines, peons, icons, entice, and snipe.

Grammar: commas after "cars", "planes", and "ships" (precedes a conjunction that joins two complete sentences. The comma before "because" is incorrect, and overslept" is one word.

Are you smarter than North Carolina 5th Graders? answers are: A; C; C