

# POINTERS FOR PARENTS

## Go Online For Smart Home Tutoring Solutions

(NAPSA)—For busy parents seeking home-based reading and math tutoring help for their children, the choices have been limited and frustrating: use someone with no educational training, struggle to find a qualified tutor who can fit the family's schedule, or use do-it-yourself materials with no live teacher or proven educational system.

Parents are looking to the Internet for answers to the question of home tutoring, but finding help can be hit or miss. Many parents say Web sites of individual tutors or free homework services are not high quality.

One e-learning company is seeking to fill this void by offering Web-based reading and math tutoring for students in grades 3-9. eSylvan uses technology that enables the student and a state-certified teacher to have a two-way audio dialogue, just like a conversation on the telephone, using a hands-free headset connected to a home computer. Student and teacher also write questions and answers displayed on both the student's and teacher's computer screens using a digital pencil and digital writing pad.

Each program begins with a comprehensive online assessment to pinpoint any gaps in a child's skills. Using these results, eSylvan creates a program targeted to each child's needs, and includes a variety of lessons that help the child meet specific learning objectives.

"This assessment tool, combined with personalized instruction by state-certified teachers,



**Students who need help with their school work can use eSylvan, an online tutoring program.**

allows eSylvan to guarantee that every student will improve at least one full grade level in reading or math after only 36 hours of instruction," explains Pat Hoge, director of education and curriculum development for eSylvan.

The online program is based on the educational methods used by Sylvan Learning Center, a name known and respected in the education community.

eSylvan offers students convenience, high quality instruction and effective engagement. Using a Web-based source of tutoring allows parents to fit instructional sessions into busy schedules in the comfort, convenience and privacy of the home.

For information about this new service, parents and teachers can visit [www.esylvan.com](http://www.esylvan.com), or call 1-800-eSylvan.