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Online Tutors Help Ensure Back-To-Class Success

(NAPSA)—More and more parents, in their quest to find educational advantages for their children, are turning to the Internet and discovering the benefits of online tutoring. In fact, according to a recent study by Opinion Research Corp., 79 percent of parents will go online for homework help and academic resources.

“With the Internet, there is no more shuffling to the library, to the tutor’s house and then back home in time for dinner. Many of the tools necessary to complete homework assignments and review critical skills are available online,” says Pat Hoge, director of education and curriculum development for eSylvan, a leading online tutoring service.

Given that today’s students are as comfortable with computers as they are with textbooks, online educational resources often work to the students’ advantage. However, to obtain the most benefit from what the Internet has to offer, parents should seek out educational Web sites that most closely meet their child’s individual learning needs.

For example, eSylvan offers personalized reading and math tutoring for students in grades three through nine, provided by state-certified teachers. Students and teachers use Web technology that allows continuous two-way audio dialogue, which is much like talking on the telephone. Student and teacher also write questions and answers displayed on their



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

computer screens using a digital pencil and digital writing pad.

Each program begins with a comprehensive online skills assessment to pinpoint a child’s skill gaps. Using these results, eSylvan is able to create a program that is targeted to each child’s individual needs, and includes a variety of “prescribed” lessons that help a child meet specific learning objectives.

Ultimately, using a Web-based tutoring service allows parents to fit instructional sessions into busy schedules in the comfort, convenience and privacy of the home. To learn more, parents and teachers can visit www.esylvan.com or call 1-800-eSylvan.