

# Pointers For Parents

## Use The Internet For Shopping, Schooling And Scheduling

(NAPSA)—At any time during the school year, the Internet can serve as a valuable ally for parents, providing tools for learning, convenient shopping options and valuable ways to stay organized and save time.

### Cyber School Rules

Many people consider the Internet to be the world's richest reservoir of educational tools and resources. Parents and kids can point, click and learn from home, saving time and trips to the library. AOL's Research & Learn Channel, for instance, provides a one-stop resource for everything from homework help through Ask-a-Teacher to SAT preps for that oh-so-important test.

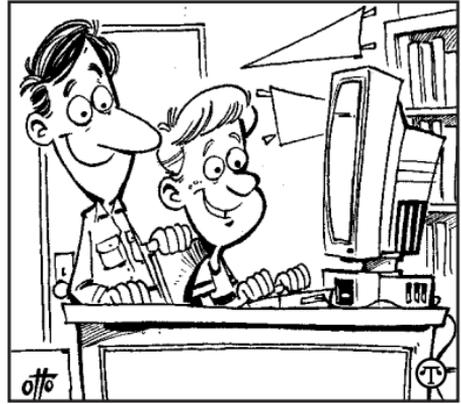
Sesameworkshop.com and TimeForKids.com are two other great educational resources for younger students. And students of all ages who are looking for quick reference material can go to Google.com, type in the subject, and receive a list of online sources with information on that subject.

For research material, students can access the *World Book® Encyclopedia* online. Working with words can be a snap with the *Merriam-Webster® Dictionary* and the *Merriam-Webster® Thesaurus*. Each can be accessed, free, via AOL's Research & Learn Channel.

Even if it's been years since you've seen a classroom, the Research & Learn Channel can help you further your professional education, pursue career enhancing course work and even earn a college degree through partners such as The University of Phoenix, The University of California, Berkeley and others.

### Shopping Via Mouse

When kids need study supplies or cool clothes for school, parents may save time and money by going online. The Internet affords



**Parents and their kids can use the Internet as a resource throughout the school year.**

a comprehensive selection of high-quality products and real deals, as well as offering comparison shopping and doorstep delivery. Online shopping sites such as Shop@AOL give consumers close-to-home shopping options and access to a bonanza of nifty finds and hot deals. With access to more than 275 retailers, Shop@AOL beats the local mall hands down!

Does your college student need a laptop computer or a digital camera? Before you buy, you can turn to AOL Keyword: Computer Center to find out a product's price, dependability and quality—a big plus before plunking down hard-earned dollars for a big-ticket item.

### Savvy Time Savers

Online or Palm calendars can be a real lifesaver, keeping your schedule in sync and reminding you of important deadlines or obligations. AOL Alerts and Reminders can send you notice of important dates and times—even to your cellular phone, pager or Palm—so you never miss a practice, party or piano lesson.

With the Internet on your side, the school year can be elementary. It's never too late to learn all that it has to offer.