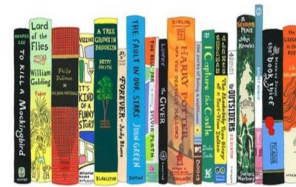


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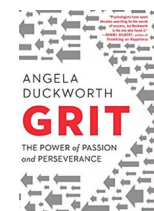


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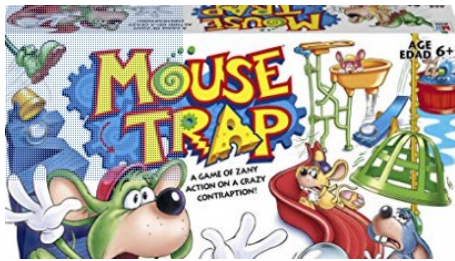
BOOK OF THE MONTH



New York Times bestseller,
Angela Duckworth

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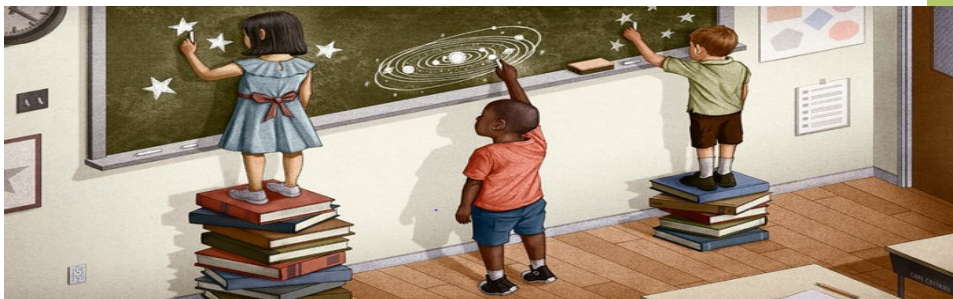
Games for



MOUSE Trap is a simple but very addictive puzzle game. The goal is to help the mouse escape from the trap and find the exit in maze. This can be achieved by sliding blocks out of the mouse's way. Players must continue to be challenged to manipulate the trap to catch the mouse. Lots of fun for all ages!

POSITIVE Thought of the Month

Difference
between
who you are
& what you
want to be
is what you
do—
Anonymous



**TED
TALKS**

GRIT: The passion of Perseverance:
Angela Duckworth

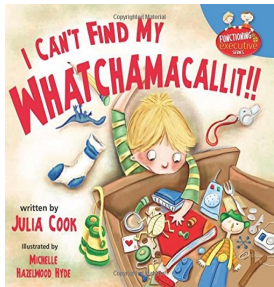
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Gifted Parent Advisory Council and Parent Trainings

2019-2020

Thursday, September 12, 2019	Landrum Middle School	Multi-Purpose Room	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21, 2019	Pacetti Bay Middle School	PE Multi-Purpose Room	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Fruit Cove Middle School	Multi-Purpose Room	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21, 2020	Murray Middle School	Auditorium	6:30-8:00 p.m.



As we approach the end of first quarter, parents and students often take this opportunity to reflect on ways in which to make some positive changes. This is always a great time to talk to your student about organizational strategies, time management, and perseverance. When meeting with students, they share their organizational nightmares or success stories. We all have them and sometimes it helps to know they are not alone. One of our most favorite books is *I Can't Find my Whatchamacallit!* The author, Julia Cook does an amazing job captivating the hearts of the organized and unorganized. Cletus and Bocephus are cousins, yet they are nothing alike. I just love how it highlights our unique differences. This book helps teach students to “understand, develop, and apply organization— a vital executive function skill. Children who possess effective organizational skills can learn to manage not only daily responsibilities, but can also learn how to effectively plan ahead.”



Tips For Teaching Kids Organizational Skills:

Get Organized without Losing It!

1. Change the mindset! Getting organized doesn't have to be “boring” or “not fun!” Turn getting organized into a fun challenge or family activity! If you want your child to buy into the concept of getting and staying organized, then they will need to understand why it is so important. Be positive about getting organized. Explain the benefits of being organized to them and share your own personal stories! Talking with them about organizing will help them recognize that this isn't punishment but something you can do with them, as a team!
2. Rome wasn't built in a day and organizational skills won't be either! Begin slowly, focusing on one organizational task at a time. If you want to tackle one task a week and build from there, go for it!
3. Tackle “stuff management” together! What supplies does your child need to stay organized? Options may include an accordion folder, binders, storage boxes, etc. If you don't have what you need and you don't want to make a purchase, consider asking your child to create one! When he/she adds their own personal touch to it, they may find it motivating.
4. Complete backpack checks together! Cleaning out the backpack doesn't have to be an end of the quarter or year event. Consider completing backpack checks together nightly. This will hold the student accountable and ensure that the space is organized and ready for school. While in the backpack, you might as well do double duty and check out that planner! If the student is not using it, or isn't being asked to use it, you may want to talk about the benefits of a planner and demonstrate how to use a planner.