

**BRIGHT FUTURE LEARNING CENTER TO PARENTS:
SCHOOLYEAR WELL UNDERWAY, HOW WELL IS YOUR CHILD
PROGRESSING?**

The national report card for students in New Jersey and around the U.S. is in and the results are mixed. According to the National Assessment of Education Progress, math scores are up, but little progress has been made in literacy.

The question, however, is: How is *your* child progressing? Have his or her standardized testing scores improved or decreased? Does he or she struggle with math? reading? writing? taking exams? Do they have sound study skills?

Paul Dhillon, Founder and Director of Education for Bright Future Learning Center, says that despite all the attention given to improving literacy skills under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, overall scores have not changed much since the tests were first given in 1990.

Bright Future Learning Center helps students, grades kindergarten through high school, gain confidence, motivation and understand the fundamentals of learning.

Dhillon says it all begins with the basics. "In order for a child to progress in school, a solid foundation must first be established. There's a lot to be said for the old adage, 'reading, writing, and arithmetic.' Without them, it's impossible for a child to grow academically. But it's also about learning good study skills. Failure to do so most likely will hinder a student's ability to learn."

Now that the school year is well underway, parents should pay close attention to how well their child(ren) is doing with his/her study skills. Dhillon says areas to monitor include:

- Organization and time management
- Note taking
- Listening skills
- Reading and studying strategies
- Test preparation and taking
- Memory and recall work

Dhillon says, "Study skills help students understand and retain information, improve research skills, and prepare for tests and exams in a more beneficial manner which leads to more confidence and more motivation towards doing well in school. Study skills are an essential part of a student's development, yet they are not formally taught in school. They are, however, a part of the Bright Future curriculum."