



## Parent's Corner

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This is the first of our new segment which we hope will help parents. If you would like to contribute to this section or any other part of the e-News we are only too happy to hear from you.



Also, please go to our website for details on our first parent workshop by Becky Bailey on

***Can't Read, Won't Read! How to teach reading to the struggling child.***

***This will be held on Wednesday 28 May, 2014.***

<http://speldnsw.org.au/event/cant-read-wont-read-how-to-teach-reading-to-the-struggling-child/>

### **Homework Tips:**

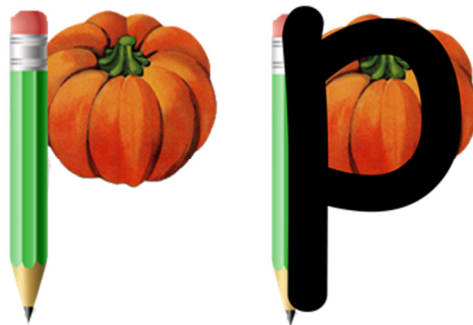
Children with learning difficulties often mentally work very hard at school. They come home from school exhausted and find homework extremely difficult to start. Remember these children need many breaks:

- To reduce homework stress; break homework time into short chunks *e.g. 10 minutes* homework with a *10 minute break*. Short bursts of homework are more effective than trying to persist with an uncooperative child.
- Physical activities *e.g. trampolining, a drink and a small food snack* are beneficial in re-charging the child for the next chunk of homework.
- Use a timer so the child knows how long they have for each activity.



### **Letter reversal:**

Children who get letters confused can often remember them easier if they use mnemonics. The attached sheet may help with the letters b, d, q and p. Together with your child look at the picture, say the words and draw your finger over the letter all at the same time. *Repeat this several times.* The picture can be printed and then used by the child as a reminder when needed.



pencil before pumpkin



**b**at before **b**all



**q**uestion mark- **c**ircle before **l**ine