# Read Write Connection Monthly Newsletter



## April 2022

## Spring Break and Scheduling of Make-Ups:

During Spring Break Read Write Connect LLC. will be open for all in-person and online sessions. If you do not plan to have your student attend sessions due to vacation, you will need to cancel your sessions. If you are paying on a monthly basis, you are entitled to make-up sessions for the days your student will miss. There are now two ways for you to do this: use TutorBird or leave me a message or text.

TutorBird is an excellent way to cancel and reschedule sessions when you are ready. As soon as you know which days you will need to reschedule, you can cancel directly on the website. TutorBird should give you a make up credit for each session canceled. Please check that it has given you a full-rather than partial- make-up credit.

Once TutorBird has given you your make up credit, you can schedule a make-up session at any available time. Since the schedule is so tight during the week, I have also opened up Saturday mornings as make-up times. You can sign up for any of these times on TutorBird. You can check back any time to see if spots during the week have opened up. You can always leave a text or message about a cancellation.

All of the above procedures apply to any future cancellations, not just spring break. The calendar on TutorBird is perpetual-you can cancel and reschedule any absence in advance.

#### Holiday List

Holidays when Read Write Connect, LLC will be closed. These holidays were figured into the number of sessions your student has for the year. There are no make-ups for these days

- Good Friday (day off for Easter / Passover/ Spring holidays).Friday April 15th.
- Memorial Day Monday, May 30th
- Independence Day Monday July 4th
- Labor Day Monday, September 5th

- Halloween (Optional) Monday, October 31 (RWC will be open and you may attend. Absences don't get make ups for this day.)
- Thanksgiving Break Thursday, November 24 -25
- Christmas -New Year's break Sunday, December 18th This is the last two full weeks of December.

### April Apps of the Month

Many parents want to know which apps they can use with their children at home. Each month, I'll discuss at least one app that I have worked with enough to recommend with confidence.

This month's apps are:

Typing.com <a href="https://www.typing.com">https://www.typing.com</a>

This app provides free keyboarding practice. It keeps track of how much students work with the program. It also has games, which might make the typing practice a bit more interesting for some students. I can't stress enough how important the keyboarding practice is. Having to find letters on the keyboard is a source of frustration for many students, as well as something that slows them down considerably.

Mental Math Cards and Games: <a href="https://apps.apple.com/us/app/mental-math-cards-games-tips/id500595081">https://apps.apple.com/us/app/mental-math-cards-games-tips/id500595081</a> I've provided a link to the Apple / Mac Store; I tried to look it up on Google Play and could not find an Android equivalent. If anyone finds one, send me the link and I'll publish it. Anyway, this app does exactly what it says and provides timed computation practice at customizable levels of difficulty. It has a great interface; it looks and feels like flash cards. It has a fairly inexpensive subscription fee if you want to keep track of progress, but you do not need to subscribe in order to practice on the app.

Thank you for a great start to 2022.

-Maureen