

Lesson Plan for Parents

Topic: Introduction to Thinkfinity website

Time: 30 minutes

Objections:

1. Introduce Thinkfinity website to parents.
2. Encourage the parents to use as a resource to help their children's education

Materials:

- Main computer for presenter
- Projector connected to main computer with sound/speakers
- Screen/wall for projector
- Computers (one for each parent or for 2 people to share)
- Internet access
- Post-its
- Chart paper
- Pens/pencils for participants

Time (in minutes)	
5	Introduction: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Give each parent a post-it and ask them to answer the following question, "How do you help your children with their homework?"2. Allow the parents to share their responses and place them on the chart paper titled "Homework Help"
4	Lesson Plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using main computer and projector "Take a Tour" to allow the parents to view highlights of the website
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Using the main computer click on the tab "At Home & Afterschool"<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Read the subtabs "Afterschool", "Parents & Kids", "Games & Tools", and "Literacy"
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Click on "Parents & Kids"<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Show them all the "activities & games" and stress the fact that the appropriate grade levels are under each activityb. Scroll down to show the "Featured Activity" and "Browse All Interactives"c. Allow the parents to pick an interactive or a game to view.
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Click "Games & Tools"<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Show them all the "Games & Tools" and stress the fact that the appropriate grade levels are under the games and tools.b. Allow the parents to play one of the games/tools.
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Go to the search box (Encourage the parents to follow along on their computers)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Type in a keywordb. Ask one of the parents to pick a resource typec. Ask another parent to pick a grade leveld. Ask another parent to pick a subjecte. Click "go"f. Tell the parents to pick on the results and review it.
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Click the "Literacy" tab<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Review "This Month's Literacy Theme"b. Scroll down to show "Resources for Families" and "Tools for Adult Learners"

10	7. Allow the parents time to explore the website on their own computers. While they are exploring encourage them to be ready to report 3 things they really like about the website.
5	Conclusion: 1. Refer back to the post-its from the beginning of the lesson and ask the parents how Thinkfinity will be a great homework helper.