When children of the literate elite need help, their parents can fill in the blanks the school has missed. When children of the print poor need help, they have nowhere to turn.

Parents Can Teach MegaSkills® to Their Children

The 10 MegaSkills® make up what I call "The Never-Ending Report Card":

- **Confidence**: feeling able to do it.
- **Motivation**: wanting to do it.
- **Effort**: being willing to work hard.
- **Responsibility**: doing what's right.
- **Initiative**: moving into action.
- **Perseverance**: completing what you start.
- **Caring**: showing concern for others.
- **Teamwork**: working with others.
- **Common sense**: using good judgment.
- **Problem solving**: putting what you know and what you can do into action.

The Megaskills Program empowers parents and teachers to teach children these vital learning skills. Since 1989, we have trained more than 1,100 workshop leaders from 34 states to provide parent workshops. More than 12,000 parents have participated in two-day training sessions to practice Megaskills activities with their children. Memphis State University researchers analyzed the impact of the Tennessee Learning Is Homegrown/MegaSkills project and found that children of parents enrolled in the program spent more time on homework, spent less time watching TV, and spent more time with their parents. To learn more about the Megaskills program, contact The Home and School Institute at the address or phone number that follows.

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Steve Krashen on how the rich get richer. Those who are rich in literacy fortify their children with good stories and beautiful books long before they enter school: the poor readers don't even understand that process and so perpetuate illiteracy from generation to generation. Now, having no invitation to participate in this true life drama of what Krashen calls how "the poor get poorer."