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**SupportingEvidence Website Answers
Age-Old Homework Question: How Much is Best?**

More = Higher Test Scores...if you're Seventeen

SANTA ROSA, CA — December 11, 2007 — SupportingEvidence, a company founded to provide graphical answers to questions previously lost in obscure journals, confusing tables of numbers, and jargon-filled reports, today added new insights to the relationship between home habits and reading test scores on its website, SupportingEvidence.com.

The look at student homework hours and the frequency of reading for fun says a lot about students' reading scores. As most would expect, 17 year olds who spent more time on homework had higher reading scores. However, nine year olds who reported more than two hours of homework per night had lower reading scores than their less dedicated classmates.

“As a parent, I was amazed to learn that nine year olds spending more than two hours per night on homework may be struggling,” said Scott Gibson, editor and publisher of SupportingEvidence.com.

Data for the charts comes from the U.S. Department of Education, in its latest *Digest of Education Statistics*. In addition to research results on homework habits at home, the new website charts present results on reading for fun.

“The good news is that most nine year olds continue to report reading for fun on a daily basis,” reported Gibson. “The bad news is that by the time they turn seventeen, fewer and fewer are reading for fun daily, down to 23% in 2004.”

The newly published charts show the development of reading for fun from youth to young adult age. Nine year olds who read for fun at least monthly perform highest in reading tests. However, 17 year olds with top reading scores read daily for fun.

“This is important information to get out to parents and educators,” said Katy, a businesswoman in Cedar Rapids, IA. “Reading is an important skill for a competitive workforce.”

About SupportingEvidence

SupportingEvidence was founded in November 2006 to educate, entertain, and inspire with simple, understandable charts derived from reliable sources. The company is committed to combining the vast pool of available research results, the communication power of the Internet, and the belief that ‘a picture is worth a thousand words’ to deliver reliable data in an understandable form to a broad audience. Visitors come to SupportingEvidence with questions and leave with graphical answers. They are often surprised by the facts and are inspired to share them with family, friends, and colleagues, supported by the company’s royalty-free distribution policy. SupportingEvidence is based in Santa Rosa, California. For more information, visit SupportingEvidence.com.