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Cartoonversation™

Card Episode 7

Truancy



Five Websites

For more information on truancy please visit these websites:

1. TruancyPrevention.org
2. AttendanceWorks.org
3. Education.com
4. CYH.com
5. EducationWorld.com

Five Cartoonversation™ Starters

1. Name three fun things that have happened at school this year.
2. What does it feel like when you fall behind on a project and need to catch up to everyone else?
3. If your classmate wanted to skip school, what would you say to them?
4. Why do you think kids skip school? List some of the reasons.
5. What could our school do to help prevent truancy?

Five Factoids

1. When kids as young as first grade fall behind with reading or math, they are at a higher risk for low self-esteem and depression in middle school.
2. When you skip school, you also miss recess and lunch-places where many friendships are formed.
3. On average, high school dropouts cost social services more than \$200,000.00 compared to their classmates who graduate.
4. Truant 8th graders are 4.5 times more likely to experiment with drugs than their classmates who consistently come to class.
5. Truancy is known as a gateway offense that can lead to suspensions, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and more.

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