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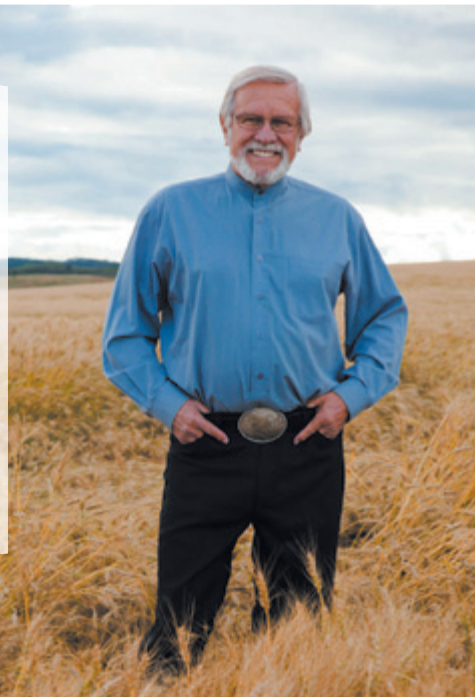
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RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES



5 Spelling Tips for Summer

Summer's for slowing down, but not for shutting down! We want to keep our kids sharp, ready, and excited for the new school year. Here are five spelling tips you can do with your kids to improve their spelling skills this summer. Remember, all language arts skills – reading, writing, listening, and speaking – are related. When you read, write, speak, and listen with your child, you're strengthening those spelling skills. Try incorporating these five great spelling game ideas into your child's summer routine and watch their spelling skills improve by leaps and bounds!

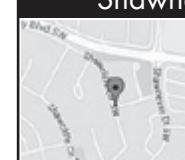
1. Do a scavenger hunt. Find items that begin with a certain letter. First to find ten items wins an extra ten minutes of bedtime story reading. Bedtime reading is precious.
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3. Play word games in the car. Kids really don't need to be in front of a screen all the time. For each five minutes on a ride, spot as many items as you can that begin with a certain letter. Make a list. After five minutes, change the letter.
4. Keep a summer journal. Writing helps spelling like no other activity.
5. Have a pen pal. Kids love getting mail. Snail mail is more fun than email, and it gives your children something to look forward to!

Remember, summer is the perfect time to relax, but it's also important to keep your kids on track. There is no reason to be bored this summer when there are endless, fun and educational spelling activities. Enjoy!



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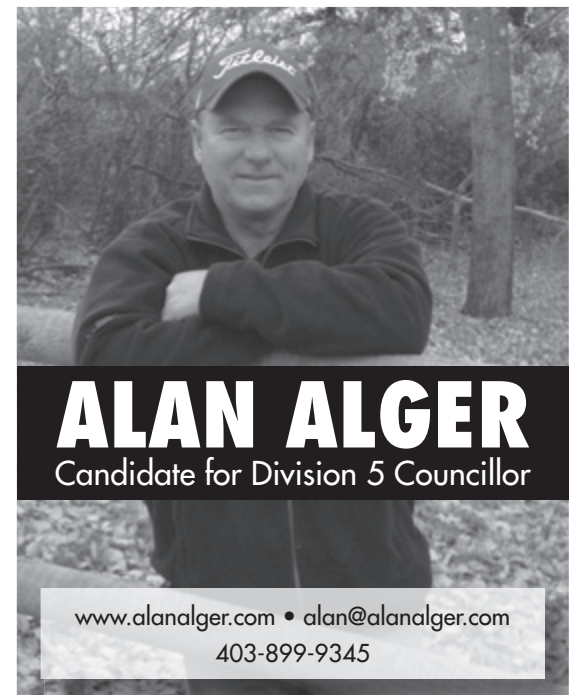
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Mondays 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Thursdays 9:30 am - 11 am

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The Third Thursday Book Club runs from September to June. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 11:00 at the DeWinton Community Hall for a lively discussion on the book of the month. Coffee and tea are served. New members or drop-ins are always welcome to attend. For details, a list of our books and dates please phone the DeWinton Hall at (403) 938-2525.

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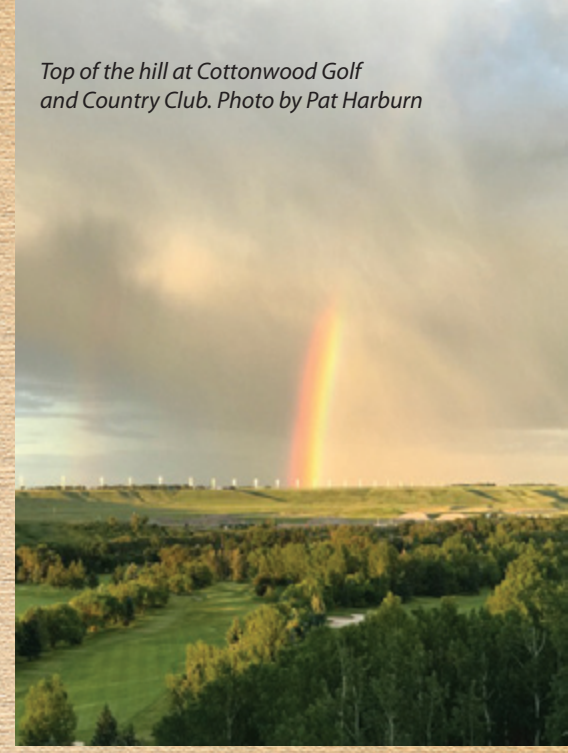


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IN PICTURES

Top of the hill at Cottonwood Golf and Country Club. Photo by Pat Harburn



View of Cottonwood Golf Course 5:30 am sunrise.
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Ask Charles

I'm selling my house, and the listing agreement says I have to pay my real estate agent commissions if my place sells after the agreement ends. Is that legal?

It sounds like you're referring to the "holdover" clause, which is found in most residential listing agreements (seller representation agreements) in Alberta. And yes, holdover clauses are legal.

A holdover clause permits your real estate brokerage to collect its fee or commission from you if you enter into a purchase contract with a buyer within a specific number of days after your listing agreement ends and that buyer was introduced to your property during the term of the listing agreement. The length of the holdover period is negotiable between you and your real estate professional.

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Imagine you have a 90-day listing agreement. On day 88, your real estate professional arranged for a showing of your home to a buyer. The buyer liked it, but had to think about it for a few days. On day 91, the buyer decides they want to buy your home. That buyer only knew about your home being for sale because of the listing you had on it with your real estate professional.

Assume you didn't extend your listing agreement, on day 91, your home is no longer officially for sale but you still want to sell. The buyer that viewed your home on

day 88 writes on Offer to Purchase for your home, and you accept their offer.

Now the holdover clause kicks in.

Because you're selling your home to a buyer who was introduced to it during the term of your listing agreement, the holdover clause requires you to pay your real estate brokerage the commission you agreed to in your listing agreement.

Your real estate professional did what they set out to do – they sold your home for a price with which you were happy. They deserve, and have every right, to be paid for their work.

The holdover clause also protects a real estate brokerage's commission in the unlikely event a buyer and seller want to work together to get a deal done, but they wait until just after the listing agreement ends merely so they don't have to pay commission. If in such a case the buyer was introduced to the seller's property during the term of the listing, the real estate professional deserves to be compensated for their work. Side deals between a seller and that buyer shouldn't affect the ability of the seller's real estate brokerage to collect its commission.

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Backyard Play Safety

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe for children. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, ensure your play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Check play equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment over top a 9-inch layer of shock-absorbing material such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel which extends 6 feet out in all directions from the play area.

Water hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose;
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres (*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate. (*Alberta Building Code)

Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment;
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect always wear footwear outdoors;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 9-1-1.



Dogs, Yellow Spots, and Lawns

By Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.

When I sold some of my Labrador puppies I was amused by the number of people wanting a male dog, “because girl dogs destroy the lawn with those big yellow spots”. Well our male dogs have taken out their share of grass, as well as some trees and expensive perennials of mine. As both an avid gardener and a veterinarian let me pass on what meager advice I can give.

Urine contains nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus, all three ingredients of fertilizer. Thus, a urine spot with the dead grass is always surrounded by dark green rapidly growing grass, too much of a good thing. Urine would make a great fertilizer if you could catch it and dilute it before spreading it over your lawn. Not me!

The nitrogen content of urine scalds grass more severely than the urine acidity. Nitrogen breaks down to ammonia and “burns” the grass. This is the same as over-fertilizing your lawn. Salinity or salt content of urine rises in concentrated urine. Large amounts of nitrogen

and salt are impossible for the natural buffering of the soil to overcome and the grass dies.

The urine pH or how acid or alkaline the urine is can also kill the grass. This varies with the individual dog’s metabolism and diet. Baking soda and commercial products available at pet stores and veterinary clinics will alkalinize or acidify the normally slightly acid canine urine. Products include tablets and dog rocks or water pucks to put in the pet’s water bowl. These products as a rule are safe in most dogs, but unfortunately some may be harmful in individual dogs inclined to form stones in their bladders. I have not found a product that I think works. Most soils are slightly alkaline and can readily withstand the normally slightly acid canine urine. Certainly, Calgary’s clay soil tends to be alkaline as a rule.

Diluting the urine immediately with large amounts of water is effective but impractical if your dog is loose and alone in the backyard. You can build up the soil’s natural buffers by leaving grass clippings on the lawn or by spreading compost, peat moss, or wood ashes on the grass.

Train your dog as a puppy to piddle in one place in the yard. It is more difficult to train an adult dog used to using the entire lawn but you can with persistence and patience.

Garden centers have products that may help you repair or prevent those yellow spots. I have found most of these products too labour intensive for my taste.

A friend sent me an e-mail saying Martha Stewart swears that by giving her chows two tablespoons of tomato juice in their food twice daily their urine never causes lawn spots. Never tried it, give me some feedback if you try it and it fails or works. Adjust the amount of juice to your dog’s size.

My solution is to train my dogs outdoors like I do indoors. Since I like a nice green lawn, I trained my four large dogs on my last property to use one section of the lawn and I promoted the growth of crab grass in that area. Nothing kills crab grass for long and from a distance it looked same as the rest of the lawn. Now I have trained my dogs to use the gravel dog run and one pees on gravel more readily than grass.

Be positive, it might be possible to have a happy dog and a beautiful lawn. Good luck!

Spring Flowering Bulbs

Gardeners have vision. All gardeners, not just the ones we admire and envy. You, me, the neighbour next door. What else would you call it when an ordinary person buys a bag of bulbs in the fall, buries them in the ground, and believes they will produce amazing blooms in 7 or 8 months?

The garden centres will have an abundance of bulbs in stock soon and your biggest decision is what to choose. There are literally thousands of bulbs on the shelves and most of us have limited garden space. The most common hardy spring-flowering bulbs for a Calgary garden are tulip, narcissus/daffodil, allium, iris, crocus, grape hyacinth and squill. The last three are petite and bloom early in the spring, the others show up later, and the irises finish their display in June. Technically, iris grows from a rhizome, but you can treat it like a bulb when planting in the fall. In addition to this list, you can find many more exotic bulbs, just don’t expect them to return year after year in our climate.

There are two kinds of tulips that survive here: species (or native) and hybridized. The species tulips should spread into established colonies, returning every year. The large hybrids are more showy and popular with gardeners, but often are best only their first year. My wonderful show of huge pink tulips a few years ago has never been repeated and I fondly remember them as annuals.

If you wish to have a show of continuous color throughout the spring (of course you do) read the labels carefully, and choose from early, mid and late spring varieties. Then check the labels again for height, as they come in 6” all the way to 28” sizes. How silly to put the tall ones in the front and the short ones behind out of sight. Then there are singles, doubles, lily-flowered, fringed and parrot types, to mention only a few. There are actually 15 divisions of tulip classifications, so it is no wonder the casual gardener gets a bit bewildered. Alliums, likewise, have many varieties, and provide colour between tulips and daffodils and later blooming summer flowers.

Bulbs of all varieties look best in mass plantings of solid colors or two complementary colors. No nice tidy



rows, please, unless they are being used for cut flowers; a block of color has far more impact. What colors you choose is strictly personal - plant what looks beautiful to your eye. A sunny spot is best, although some varieties are forgiving and will bloom later in partial shade. Because they are among the earliest color in our Chinook gardens, tulips partner nicely with other bulbs like Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), Scilla (Squill) and dwarf Narcissus.

Get your bulbs in the ground in Sept or October; they need some time to root before the ground freezes. If you share your garden with squirrels, cover the new planting with wire mesh secured by stakes or rocks to keep those little paws from digging them up. Squirrels are particularly fond of tulip bulbs. And while you are at it, be sure to add some new ones in your front yard for the pleasure of your friends and neighbours.

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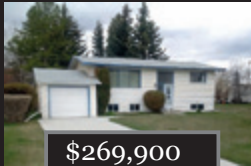
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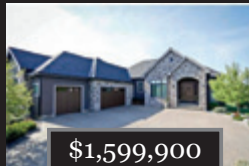
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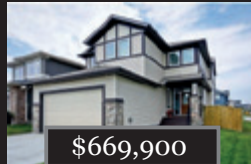
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