

Computer Fun:

Learning Resources

Learning from the dudes.

The dudes – and dudettes – may seem like they're too cool for school, but here's the secret: they've found a way to have fun and get class work done, too.

Independence.

You dream of the day when you can make your own decisions and run your own life. The dudes look carefree because most of them earned that independence. You can too! Start by getting a part-time job or babysitting for neighbors. You'll earn some money to save or spend as you please. The adults may be impressed too and give you more independence as a reward for showing maturity.

Take time for fun.

The dudes have learned an important life lesson early: balancing work and fun is cool. In the same way that you set aside time every day for homework, plan time to chillax with friends. Whether it's an evening at the movies or 30 minutes on Facebook, staying connected with your pals will give you support when challenges at school or at home come up. Planning for fun gives you something to look forward to throughout the week.

Choice

The choices you make will affect your life today and in the future. That sounds heavy, but you can start making good choices now to build a foundation for a successful – and fun – life. Always weigh your options instead of making snap decisions without thinking. Remember you're earning independence by showing that you can make the right choice. Take a deep breath, think about what you're doing and choose your path. Repeat daily!

Personal goals

If setting goals sounds like something for the adults, it is. And believe it or not, you'll be an adult someday! All you need to think about now is how to get what you want. You want a car – that's a BIG personal goal. To get that car you need to save money, gain the adults' trust and keep your grades up. Now, break that down into small goals. Choosing to save \$10 instead of buying pizza is a small goal. Reaching a few small goals gives you confidence to keep working toward the big goals in life.

Quick review

The dudes are cool and they have their act together too. Embrace your inner coolness by earning your independence, having fun, making good choices now and setting a positive path for your life with personal goals.