



Family Connection CD



The Family Connection CD provides parents with a quick guide to Lightspan. It includes information on what your child is learning in the various Lightspan programs as well as a variety of ideas for how you can work with your child to increase his or her understanding of the concepts taught in the Lightspan programs. We hope this CD is helpful to you and your entire family as you work on the Lightspan programs together.

Getting Started

- Throughout the *Family Connection CD*, buttons become highlighted when the pointer is moved over them. Simply click a highlighted button to view a video or to move to another screen. Use the **X button** on the Sony PlayStation™ control pad for clicking.
 - At any time, select **go back** to go to the previous screen.
 - In all the videos, you may **pause** the video, **stop** the video and move on, or **play** the video again.
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Opening Screen

The *Family Connection CD* opens to a screen that offers three choices. The first two choices provide quick background information on Lightspan. The third choice, Lightspan Adventures, takes you to important information on what your child is learning and how you can help.

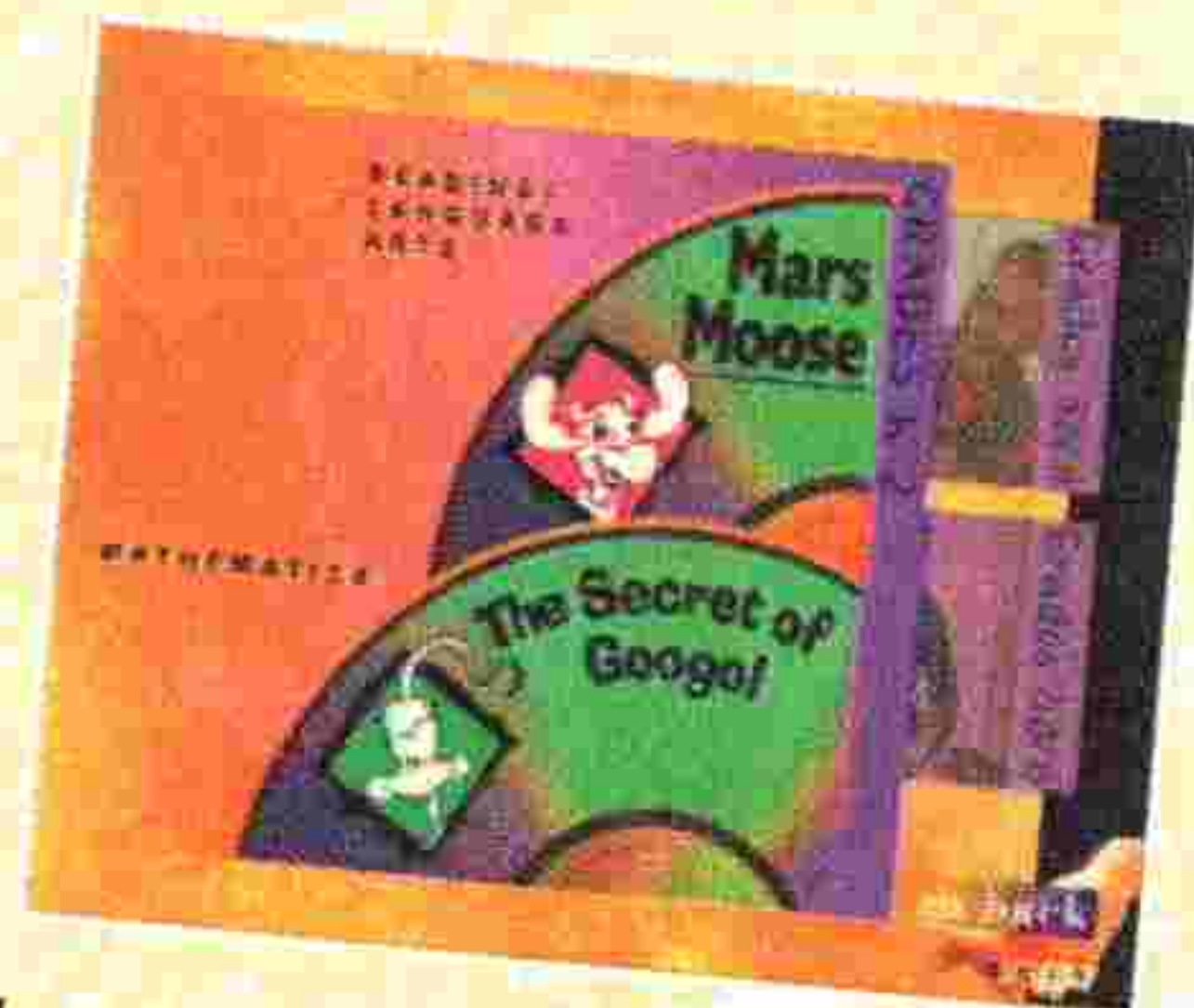


- Click **Introducing The Lightspan Partnership** to see an overview of Lightspan's goals for helping children succeed.
- Click **Powerful Learning Programs** to hear Dr. Bernard Watson, an experienced educator, provide his perspective on the potential of the Lightspan programs.
- Click **Lightspan Adventures** to find out more about the Lightspan programs and to access the Family Activities.



Lightspan Adventures

- Click your child's grade level to find out more about the specific adventures with which your child will be working.
- You will see a teacher discussing her experience with Lightspan in the classroom. Watch the complete video or click **stop** to skip the video and continue.
- Click one of the Lightspan programs. You may select the specific program your child has brought home from school, or you may browse through several Lightspan programs for a quick overview.



Product Demonstrations

The product demonstrations provide you with an overview of the various Lightspan activities your child will complete, including information about what your child is learning in each.

- For Grades K–2, there are four product demonstrations each for *Mars Moose* and *The Secret of Googol*, each presenting a distinct aspect or location in the adventure. Click a picture on the right side of the screen to view one of them.
- For programs in Grades 3–4 and 5–6, the product demonstration plays automatically. Watch the complete video or click **stop** to skip the video and continue.



Extending the Learning Experience

Family Activities

There also are family activity ideas available on the *Family Connection CD*. These activities provide helpful suggestions on how to be more involved in your child's learning. There are two types of Family Activities available: on-screen activities and off-screen activities.

- On-screen activities provide suggestions on how you can work with your child and help him or her complete specific Lightspan games. For example, you can help your child practice reading comprehension by asking questions as he or she reads a story in a Lightspan program.
- Off-screen activities provide ideas for enjoyable activities you and your child can do together around the house to reinforce the concepts taught in school and in the Lightspan programs. You will find exciting ideas such as creating a creature from geometric shapes or writing a story together.



In the *Family Connection CD*, you will find family activities for *Mars Moose* and *The Secret of Googol* in Grades K-2 and for *Mona & Moki* in Grades 3-4. You can find additional family activity ideas in the brochures that accompany each Lightspan CD, as well as in materials provided by your child's teacher.

- Click **Family Activities** at the bottom of the product demonstration screen.
- Select **On-Screen** or **Off-Screen**.
- Click a picture on the right to view the various activities.

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