# A Laugh a Day KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY

# TIPS

Make it a goal to laugh for 10 mins each day

Slow down and identify silly things that occur in your day

Share a joke or funny experiences with others!

#### **QUESTION:**

Why did the math book look so sad?

Because it had so many problems!

### What happens when we laugh?

Laughing creates a domino effect full of health benefits. It promotes physical and emotional healing and calming effects that can last up to 45 minutes!

## **Benefits of Laughter**



#### **INCREASES OXYGEN**

Laughing provokes an irregular pattern of breathing, sending more oxygen to the brain.

#### STIMULATES BLOOD FLOW

Increased respiration makes the heart pump faster raising your pulse rate and giving your hear a good workout.





#### **IMPROVES ATTENTION**

As blood oxygen levels increase, the left hemisphere, frontal lobe and occipital lobe are stimulated making you more aware.

#### **ENHANCES MEMORY**

The limbic system, responsible for processing of memories, is also activated, helping process new information.





#### FIGHTS INFECTION

Reduces stress helping the immune system get stronger

#### **RELAXES MUSCLES**

Reduces anxiety and causes muscles to losen up.





#### **ENERGIZES**

It is revitalizing! Leaving you ready for more!

#### **SCAN CODE TO WATCH VIDEO!**



Info adapted from

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