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## **Bridging the Summer Gap:** **How to Make the Most of Your Summer**

“No more pencils. No more books. No more teachers’ dirty looks!” Who doesn’t remember that little tune? For us, school was done and we didn’t need to think about it for another 3 months. However, with everything a student is required to learn, summer is no longer a time for doing everything but academics. Here are a few simple ideas to help keep your child academically engaged all summer long.

**Keep them reading!** Enroll your child in a kids’ book club at the library. Even for the child who loves to read, this gives them an opportunity to practice their higher level comprehension, reasoning, predicting, and inferencing skills when discussing the book. This also keeps a resistant reader on a schedule and accountable.

**Calculate math into the equation.** As you set time aside for reading, do the same for math. Buy them a workbook and let them work through the previous year’s material. This will also give you an idea of what they have mastered and what they still do not understand. Don’t forget the word problems!

**Follow current events.** Keep your eye out on local festivals, art shows, and sporting events to attend. Younger children can create their own newspapers and report to you what is happening in their world. Also, take the time to read and discuss what is going on in the news. Children at all levels should learn to assess and critique the world around them and be able to articulate what their thoughts and opinions are on any subject.

**Plan a family trip together.** Teach your child to read a map and calculate distances, let them research the area and find a variety of activities each member of the family would enjoy. Give them their own “vacation budget” and help them keep track of their own spending.

**Enroll your child in a program.** If you feel your child would benefit from something more; a personalized study program in either reading, writing, pre-algebra, language arts, or elementary math may be more of what you need. Whether you want to strengthen weak academic areas or prepare them for more advanced work, summer is the best time for your child to catch up or get ahead.

However you choose to spend the summer, make sure you take time to keep your child academically engaged. You will be glad you did!

If you have further questions on summer learning, contact Crabapple Tutoring for more information at [www.crabappletutoring.com](http://www.crabappletutoring.com) or call 678-240-0936.