MAXIMIZE LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

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Summer vacation should be fun! And that doesn’t mean it has to be a break from learning. In the summer, your children have the opportunity to learn and grow beyond the rigors of the classroom. Nearly every summer activity can include an element of fun, interactive learning. Here are some tips to help make summer learning a meaningful, rewarding experience for your children (and you!):

Read to achieve! Studies have shown that children who read for at least 20 minutes each day score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Take turns reading aloud with your children. With older children, consider reading a book together as a family book club. Find opportunities for your children to practice reading. Encourage them to read restaurant menus and ask them to read signs and store names.

Play board games that encourage strategic thinking, word play and creativity. Give your children arts and crafts materials to design their own games. Keep it light and fun!

Neighborhood lemonade stands reinforce math skills while building community. Add a book share for neighborhood kids to hang out and share their favorites while they cool off with the lemonade.

Provide a journal for vacation or overnight camp. Children can create a photo journal documenting the new discoveries and experiences.

Log into the digital learning resources your children became familiar with throughout the school year or download new learning apps.

Give back! Donate books your children have outgrown. Encourage them to sort through their book shelf and reward them with the feeling of giving back and the opportunity to stock up on new reading treasures.

Turn your family vacation into a college tour. Add a local university as a stop or build your travel around schools your children and you are eyeing.

Look for college summer programs for high school students. Many universities offer programs for students to try classes, live in a dorm and have a taste of life on campus. Some even offer college credit! Summer is a great time to build a resume as a volunteer or intern.

Enroll your children in an August back to school program to ease the transition into the new year. Look at local schools for a program near you.

Relax, have fun and enjoy this special time together!

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