



**Read to Succeed
Parent Tips for Elementary-Age Children**

Family Summer Fun

You can have a lot of educational, healthy fun with your child this summer!

- ★ **Plan an excursion.** You don't need to travel far or spend much money to explore somewhere new! Go with your child to a local tourism office, or even gas station. Pick out some brochures for local state parks, hiking areas, museums, etc. Read through the brochures and talk about what looks interesting. Discuss what is reasonable for your budget, travel time, etc. Plan when you will go and if you need to bring a lunch. Enjoy exploring somewhere new together!
- ★ **Library Reading Program.** Most local libraries have fantastic free reading programs. Not only can your child earn rewards, but there are often interesting programs too. Make a point of going as a family once or twice every week to find great new books to read!
- ★ **Make the most of the car.** Summer often involves lots of time spent in the car. Keep a few interesting books in the car, and have your child read aloud to you. Ask questions about the book, such as "what do you think about this character?" and "have you read other books by this author?"
- ★ **Book Theme Week.** Choose a book to read together with your child, maybe a classic or a book you enjoyed as a kid. Read it together every day. Make a special meal or food together based on the book. Create artwork with the book in mind. Write a story based on the book, or maybe a sequel. Perhaps you can dress like the characters, or go a place mentioned in the book. Let your imaginations run wild!

