

## **Help your child maintain a love of learning all summer long**

Even if your child complains about school, chances are he likes learning. Here are some ways to maintain your child's interest in learning all summer long:

- Make time to talk. Studies have shown that kids whose families have frequent discussions about many subjects tend to have higher IQs.
- Build on your child's interests. For example, if your child loves playing the guitar, read books about the instrument, go to a free concert, or encourage him to write to a famous guitarist.
- Try a new activity you can do with your child, such as a sport. Choose something he's excited about. Show how interested you are in learning and improving—and that you never give up.
- Become tourists in your own town. Try to see your town through fresh eyes. Check out an exhibit at a local museum or library. Explore a different trail at a local park.
- Set an example by learning more about the things you love. If you enjoy cooking, take a cooking class, check out a cookbook at the library or try a new recipe. Invite your child to help.

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