

Educational Activities Urged For Children During Summer

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There are many ways parents can help their children's education during the summer months.

There is good evidence to show that many children regress over the summer months. This would be a natural assumption since they are no longer involved in daily practice and instruction.

After the long school year, children need the relaxation involved in summer play and vacations. This does not mean that valuable educational ac-

tivities cannot be included in your summer plans.

Much progress in reading depends upon experience. Encourage your child to use the local library and other valuable books. Pleasant and unpressured reading can go a long way towards increasing reading growth. Reading for relaxation and interest is the greatest single factor in reading progress.

Help maintain a good working knowledge of arithmetic fundamentals. This can be done through usage and practice. Have your children participate in planning a budget for a trip. Follow through by

having them keep an account of expenditures, mileage, and gas usage. Send them to the store to do your shopping. Put them on an allowance. Let them help with cooking, especially with reading recipes and measurements.

Should Encourage Writing

The summer is an ideal time to foster writing. This important activity should not be overlooked. While on vacation, have your children maintain correspondence with relatives and friends at home.

While at home, your children can write to neighborhood and school friends who may be away at camp or in sum-

mer homes. Encourage them to describe their many experiences. Writing of this nature will help with vocabulary, spelling, creative thinking, and other language skills.

Vacation time is particularly suitable for planning experiences which will be useful in social studies, history, geography, study of people and relationships, etc. Social adjustment develops as the children spend time and play with others. Help them to learn compromise and consideration.

Allow Planning Participation

Long or short trips can be organized with some emphasis on historical, geographical, and industrial sites. Have your children participate in the journey. While traveling, they can gain much by following the map and helping with directions. Point out and discuss what you see. Emphasize comparisons of different areas, and the reasons that these areas have become industrial, agricultural, or transportation centers.

Many exhibits and activities are available which will help improve appreciation and understanding of cultural areas such as music and art. Look for special children's plays, and art exhibits or demonstra-

tions. Many local organizations sponsor series of plays. Should you find it difficult to locate these activities, check newspapers, automobile clubs, chambers of commerce, historical societies, industrial tours, and museums.

The above examples of valuable experiences are only samples of many important learning activities. Whatever your summer plans may be, you will be able to find many opportunities to help your children. The more they experience, the more they will have to relate to school activities.

Chaplin's Wife Has Eighth Child

Lausanne, Switzerland - (UPI) - Mrs. Oona O'Neill Chaplin gave birth to her eighth child on Sunday and her 73-year-old husband Charlie Chaplin said that was about as many as he planned for the time being.

The new addition to the Chaplin family, a son weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born at the Montchoisi Clinic. Chaplin arrived only Sunday morning from England. He visited his wife, daughter of the late playwright Eugene O'Neill, went home for lunch with his children and then spoke to newsmen at the clinic.

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