

## For Elementary School Students



### EXPERIMENT WITH SCIENCE THIS SUMMER!

Keep your budding scientist experimenting with these clever activities. They're kid-friendly, safe, affordable and really, really cool! [Read More](#)

### CHALLENGE YOUR CHILD TO TURN OFF THE SCREENS AND TURN ON THE FUN!

Experts say the easiest way to reduce screen time is replace it with other fun activities. Here are some ideas: [Read More](#)

### THREE ACTIVITIES WILL KEEP YOUR CHILD LEARNING ALL SUMMER LONG

Don't miss out on chances to boost your child's smarts during the warmer months. If you make activities fun, she'll never suspect she's learning!

Here are three brain-building activities to enjoy this summer: [Read More](#)

### ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBILITY BY HELPING YOUR CHILD ENJOY CHORES

How do you get your child to do chores willingly? Most elementary-age children love to plan and then carry it out. So first, involve your child in brainstorming what needs to be done and when. [Read More](#)

## For Middle School Students



### BE FIRM ABOUT LIMITS ON SCREEN TIME THIS SUMMER

When it comes to screen time, limits are important. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute recommend setting limits on adolescents' screen time. Why? Because screen time can affect: [Read More](#)

### THREE ADJUSTMENTS CAN KEEP YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER READING

Your child's elementary school years are well behind her, and high school looms ahead (maybe even next fall). Keep your child's progression to young adulthood in mind as you help her select reading material. [Read More](#)

### OFFER YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER PURPOSEFUL WRITING ACTIVITIES

First, writing has a purpose. It is not something teachers make up to torture their students! Second, writing can be a lot of fun, especially when writing about a great topic. [Read More](#)

### EXPLORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER

Service opportunities are everywhere. Here are some age-appropriate ones for your child to consider: [Read More](#)

## For High School Students



### SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME FOR RISING SENIORS TO WORK ON COLLEGE ESSAYS

Senior year means it's time for college applications. Students can reduce the pressure and the stress of the application process by getting their essays written during the summer before their senior year.

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### PART-TIME JOBS CAN TEACH HIGH SCHOOLERS IMPORTANT LESSONS

A summer job may be your teen's first step into the workforce and can help him prepare for the demands and responsibilities of the "real world." A job will require your teen to: [Read More](#)

### CHALLENGE YOUR HIGH SCHOOLER TO BRUSH UP ON GEOGRAPHY

It may seem like the world is shrinking. Social media and the internet allow your teen to connect with people and research information from all over the world. That's why geography is still important. [Read More](#)

### USE SIX STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE SUMMER READING

Studies have long shown that when students read for pleasure outside of school they benefit academically. While your teen may not need to read for school over the summer months, he should still plan to spend some time reading. [Read More](#)



*"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children.*

*One of these is roots, the other, wings."*

*-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

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