

# Parents' CLIPBOARD

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“Learning is like  
rowing upstream;  
not to advance is to drop back.”  
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## Give your child the summertime advantage!



Teachers and researchers tell us that children who have these kinds of summertime activities have a big advantage in making gains in school. They

- **Go to the library and take books home**
  - **Go on outings to museums and points of interest**
  - **Participate in sports, teams or programs**
  - **Experience the outdoors in parks and natural areas**
  - **Pursue their interests or go on vacations with family**

Kids who don't have these kinds of activities can actually regress academically.

In these tight times, consider that libraries are free, museums have free days, and friends can help organize sports, outings or swaps of special talents. Lessons can be the home-grown kind, whether it's cooking or a project. Make it an interesting summer, even if you're staying in town.

## Mom, Dad, Any Mail for Me?

Getting real mail is exciting and makes children want to read! It's easy to start an annual subscription to a kids' magazine, so why not kick off the summer with a monthly special delivery for your child? Here are some well-known choices:

**Ranger Rick** won the Parent's Choice Award and is for kids who love animals and nature. Ages 7-11, \$15, 1-800-611-1599

**National Geographic Kids** has a seven page "fun stuff" section! Ages 6-14, \$15, 1-800-647-5463

**Sports Illustrated Kids** presents healthy lifestyles and inspiring sports. Ages 8-14, \$35, 1-800-992-0196

**Boy's Life**, from the Boy Scouts of America, even has comics! Ages 7-11, \$24, 1-866-584-6589

**Cricket** features stories, art contests, and photography. Ages 9-14, \$34, 1-800-821-0115



## Ask a Specialist

**Q** The teacher says my son needs to read this summer. He could be hard to motivate. Suggestions, please!

**A** Boys love *Guinness World Records*, *Ripley's Believe It or Not*, and fact books such as *Dragon Bones & Dinosaur Eggs* by Chapman. They also enjoy goofy books like Jack Prelutsky's *It's Raining Pigs and Noodles*, *Scary Stories to Read in the Dark* by Schwartz and comic books. *The Boys' Book: How To Be the Best At Everything* by Enright will also appeal. (This book has a girls' version, and girls may like all the books mentioned above, as well.) Find these and more ideas at [www.gettingboystoread.com](http://www.gettingboystoread.com).