FLPS NEWS

SUMMER 2011

Growing dreams. Achieving goals.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR: Help your child get organized!

Most kids generate a little chaos and disorganization. Yours might flit from one thing to the next - forgetting books at school, leaving towels on the floor, and failing to finish projects once started. You'd like them to be more organized and to stay focused on tasks, such as homework and house chores.

Is it possible?

Yes, it is. A few kids seem naturally organized, but for the rest, organization is a skill learned over time. With help and some practice, kids can develop an effective approach to getting stuff done. And parents are the perfect people to teach their child, even if you don't feel all that organized yourself! It can be as easy as 1-2-3...

For kids, all tasks can be broken down into a 1-2-3 process:

1) Getting organized means a kid gets where he or she needs to be and gathers the supplies needed to complete the task.
2) Staying focused means sticking with the task and learning to say "no" to distractions.
3) Getting it done means finishing up, checking your work, and putting on the finishing touches, like remembering to put a homework paper in the right folder and putting the folder inside the backpack so it's ready for the next day.

Once kids know these steps - and how to apply them - they can start tackling tasks more independently. That means homework and other household chores will get done with increasing consistency and efficiency. Of course, kids will still need parental help and guidance, but you probably won't have to nag as much.

Not only is it practical to teach these skills, but knowing how to get stuff done will help your child feel more competent and effective. Kids feel self-confident and proud when they're able to accomplish their tasks and responsibilities. They're also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they'd like to do.

Summer Break is a great time to start to work on getting your kids to be more organized and independent, and parents are the best teachers!

Have a great summer.

Sincerely,
Anita Lonstein
Director

Celebrating 25 years of educating South Florida students!

FINAL EXAMS & END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

The official end of the 4th marking quarter (2nd semester) is Friday, June 3. 2nd semester final exam (in-class) reviews will be held Monday, May 23 — Monday, May 30. All teachers will also conduct exam study groups everyday after school from 2:45 — 3:30 pm from May 23 — 27. Students must come prepared to work.

It is important that all students put in adequate study time at home each night during review week to prepare for these comprehensive exams and that they arrive on time each day so as not to miss any of their reviews.

Please note: Any student who misses a scheduled exam without a doctor's note or prior consent from the school WILL NOT be allowed to make up the exam.

FLPS HONOR SOCIETY

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the following students for their induction to the National Elementary Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society

In a very real sense, this honor, has been bestowed on the basis of their shared development of character and their consistent hard work which has defined them each as our top ranked, outstanding students. Their good work and cooperation is an example to us all.

They were inducted into the National Honor Society for the 2010-11 school year on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 8:45 am at a morning ceremony at the school. Congratulations to you all!

National Elementary Honor Society
Devina Bailey
Allison Burnett
Marc Halpern
Thomas Walker, III

National Junior Honor Society
Jessie Gershater
Kenneth Griffiths
Gabriella McIntosh
Samantha Smith
Helton Sutherland
Jesse Torres
Dax Villavicencio
James Weymouth

National Honor Society
Sheldon Chimilio
John Guerrero
Camille Johnson
Gudalupe Murray
Richard Skidmore
Donald Smith
Daniel Tacher
Ashley Thomas

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY	
5/23-5/29	After-school Exam Study Groups, 2:30-3:30 pm
5/27	Last day of school for Seniors
5/30	School closed, Memorial Day
JUNE	
6/1 - 6/3	Final exams
6/1 - 6/3	Noon dismissal, no aftercare
6/3	Last day school
6/3	4th Marking Period ends
6/7	Last day of school for Pre-K
6/7	Graduation Day

SENIOR END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

During exam days, regular class schedule for seniors will be suspended (May 25-27). Seniors will be required to attend school only during their designated exam time. Seniors will take their exams with assigned proctors.

Any student who misses a scheduled examination without a doctor's note or prior consent from the administration will not be allowed to make-up that examination. Seniors received review sheets and instructions on Thursday, May 12.

Senior Final Exam REVIEWS: May 12-24
Senior Final Exams: May 25-27
Last Day of School for Seniors: Friday, May 27
Graduation Day: Tuesday, June 7 at FLP; 3 pm

HOBY AWARD

This year's FLP Hoby Award recipient is Richard Skidmore. Richard has attended FLP since Kindergarten and has developed into an exceptional student with high standards of morals and ethics.

Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. HOBY is nationally recognized and its programs provide youth opportunities to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences. Nearly 9,000 students participate in HOBY programs annually and the award is given to those who are sophomores in high school.

PINNACLE AWARD

This years Pinnacle Award recipients are Angela Skidmore & Donald Sutherland. "I could not be more proud of Angela or Donald. Both students exemplify all that FLPS stands for — academic excellence, strong character, and student leadership. I know that these two students will continue to achieve great things into the future," said Anita Lonstein, FLPS director.

The Broward County Nonpublic School Association Pinnacle Award recognizes exemplary students who set an example for others to follow in their actions in the home, the school, or the community. They excel in one or more of these areas: academics, community service, citizenship, fine arts, athletics, students activities, perseverance, effort, dedication, commitment to positive goals, improvement in performance, and attitude. The Broward County Nonpublic School Association Pinnacle Award Program is one of a kind, as it celebrates the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of private school students.

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2011/2012

With 4TH quarter underway we have begun enrolling new students for the 2011-2012 school year.

TUITION PAYMENTS FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR BEGIN IN JULY 2011. THE SCHOOL REQUIRES A $500 FIRST PAYMENT (PER CHILD) - **DUE JULY 1.** The remaining tuition balance can be divided into 10 equal payments.

PARENTS MUST APPLY AND PROVIDE PROOF FOR ALL STATE SCHOLARSHIPS THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED FOR ANY FLP SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS.

We are all looking forward to our 25th year. This one will be the very best yet!

KEEPING KIDS OFF THE SUMMER SLIDE

Something is waiting for many children each summer and their parents don't even know it's out there. It's called the "summer slide," and it describes what happens when young minds sit idle for three months.

Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. According to the authors of a report from the National Summer Learning Association: "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year.... It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills."

Summer slide affects millions of children each year in this country—but it doesn't have to.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS WORK!

Here's what you can do to make sure your kid doesn't take a vacation from reading.

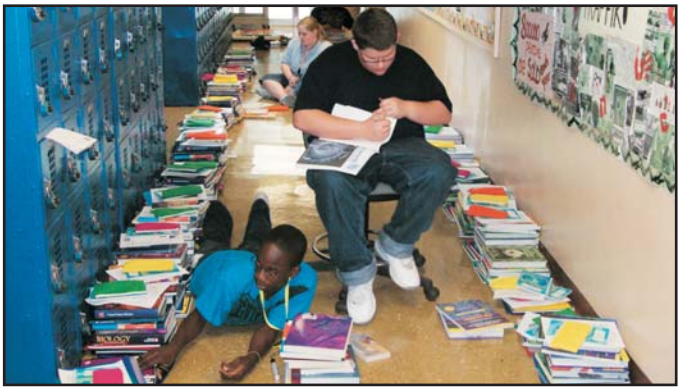
Summer reading fun
Visit your local public library because there is so much going on and the enthusiasm of the librarians is infectious. So many libraries do wonderful summer reading programs for all ages. There are often activities at night, like story hours, so parents can come after work with their children — and parents are always encouraged to volunteer, which really shows the kids that reading is important to adults as well.

Show children that reading is important to you
Model, model. It cannot be emphasized enough that children who observe their parents reading become readers themselves. Make sure there are plenty of reading materials scattered throughout the house — not just novels, but magazines and newspapers as well.

Make summer reading a way to connect
Some children respond better when they know other children are going to read and respond to a book, which is why are great. Parents can also help by reading what their children read at all ages so they can really connect with their child and be able to answer questions and instigate discussion. This is one of the reasons parent/child book groups are so great.

Set reading times and find the fun in books
The number-one golden rule is to make time to read over the summer — parents should designate an hour a day just for books, or set aside a time once a week to go to the library. There's so much going on in the summer, so much temptation to be outside, that it's important to schedule time just for reading. Have kids keep a reading journal — even if it's just the book titles. Once the journal gets filled up, there's a real sense of accomplishment that's very rewarding.

Take reading on the road
When preparing for family road trips, stock up on audio books from your library. Let your children choose some stories to listen to in the car. Have family members share favorite stories and/or adventure stories too.



SUMMERTIME SAFETY

Summer for most kids is a break from school work, tests, homework, and other daily activities. Unfortunately, it's also a time for inadequate supervision. Children should have adult supervision year-round, but when summer arrives, they may not have the attention they so need and deserve. The summer months pose an increased safety threat to children -- parents may be forced to leave their children in the care of a babysitter, daycare or camp. Children may also be left alone for many hours a day during the summer months.

Children should be taught how to keep safe as a part of their daily routines, not only when they encounter new situations in their lives. To keep busy during the summer, children may spend more time on the Internet...leaving themselves a greater target for child predators. They may ride their bicycles or play certain summer sports without a helmet; they may accept rides without the permission of a parent; or forget the lessons taught while enjoying pools and beaches. These safety lessons should continue each day through the summer months! Children spend most of the year learning in school -- they shouldn't take a break from learning just because school's over. We need to be there for our children... guiding them in the right direction...practicing dangerous situations and solutions as a part of their everyday lives. We need to teach children every day...because parents are a child's greatest teacher!

LOCAL KID EVENTS

Apart from being a vacation paradise for grown-ups, Greater Fort Lauderdale doubles as a haven for kids, whether they live here or are visiting.

Watery and Wild

Watery, educational fun comes via packages offered through several Greater Fort Lauderdale hotels and elsewhere -- including snorkeling, skin boarding, boogie boarding, glass bottom boat trips, scuba and more. Participants are outfitted with professional child-sized snorkels and fins, and the instructors are trained in marine biology and CPR. Programs, developed by diving enthusiast Sarah-Jayne Brown, teach children how to snorkel in a pool and the ocean with lessons on coral reefs and marine wildlife. "Kids do a series of educational activities disguised as fun," she says. Birthday parties and summer camps can be arranged. Participating hotels include the **Pelican Grand Beach Resort**, the **Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel** and **Westin Beach Resort Fort Lauderdale** on Fort Lauderdale Beach, **Villas by the Sea Resort** in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and the **Embassy Suites Deerfield Beach**. (954) 712-9900.

Day Camp

Funky Fish Kids Day offers a series of Ocean Adventure Camps offered daily and for longer periods which introduce kids to the flora and fauna of South Florida, with activities at **Bahia Mar Beach Resort** in Fort Lauderdale; **Ocean Sands Resort & Spa** in Pompano Beach; and **Embassy Suites Deerfield Beach**, every day between 10am and 3pm throughout the year, designed for kids 4 to 17. (954) 712-9900.

Funky Fish
Ocean Adventure Camps

Kids can experience the real Florida, learn about its flora and fauna, history and culture in an outdoor camping experience at **Camp Live Oak**, fully accredited for children by the American Camping Association. Camp Live Oak is offered at **Hugh Taylor Birch State Park** in Fort Lauderdale, and **Oleta State Recreation Area** in North Miami during winter, spring and summer months each weekday from 9AM until 3:30PM, and is open to children aged 5 through 13 with optional before and after child care for parents with full schedules.

Camp Live Oak's Summer session begins as school ends in June, ending when school begins in August, and consists of four programs which can be attended separately or as a package. The first four-week session includes an optional Photo Safari where children aged 8 and up can learn the techniques and joys of nature photography from experienced teachers. The second four-week session offers an optional Starlight Sleep-Over in air conditioned cabins. Completing the summer session are the optional one-week programs of Ocean Quest Camp for Kindergartners through 8th grade where ocean reefs and sea life will be examined, and Adventure Camp with a choice of many optional age-appropriate activities. The Winter and Spring programs also offer a range of programs, including instruction in archery, canoeing, swimming, art and science classes, yoga, drumming, camp fire safety and "leave no trace" environmental awareness programs, mountain biking and much more at both Fort Lauderdale and Miami locations. (954) 491-2917.

Museums & More

As a showcase for more traditional children's development, Fort Lauderdale's **Museum of Discovery and Science** (the highest-attended ticketed museum in Florida, with a Blockbuster IMAX Theater) has a treasury of hands-on fun to challenge, educate and delight youngsters. The museum's Discovery Center for toddlers and pre-schoolers promotes making friends while learning basics and developing motor skills. When school is out, themed day camps for ages 5-12 range from Rocks Rock to Extreme Environment and Strange Defenses. (954) 467-6637.

On State Road 84 in Davie, the **Young at Art Children's Museum** tailors activities for inquiring young minds. Small-fry create their own masterpieces to take home. The annual **Children's Festival of the Arts**, staged in May on museum grounds, is the nation's only outdoor kids' festival exposing budding artists to all aspects of being real studio artists - from creating art to making multiples, marketing, pricing, showing and selling. Kids keep 100 percent of their profits. (954) 424-0085.

Young At Art studio ART CLASSES

On Fort Lauderdale's Broward College central campus, **Buehler Planetarium** - among the nation's most advanced - leaves kids starry-eyed with shows that explain the galaxy and the deep beyond in understandable terms. Kids can also take in laser shows or stargaze through powerful telescopes. (954) 201-6681.

Other museums with charms for children include the **Old Dillard Museum**, with insights on African American heritage, (954) 765-6952, and Fort Lauderdale's **Stranahan House**, (954) 524-4736, the area's oldest home once belonging to Ivy Stranahan, Broward's first school teacher.

On Hollywood's western fringe at **Seminole Native Village**, (954) 961-4519, kids can hold baby alligators and steep themselves in Indian lore. Just a hop-skip away is the 500-room **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood** with a dozen restaurants including namesake Hard Rock Café. Apart from casino action for parents, the 86-acre hotel complex has a Seminole cultural center and museum, plus a four-acre lagoon-style pool expanse with a "sandy beach" volleyball area, theme park-style waterslides, and kiddie pool. (954) 966-6300.

Action in the Parks

In Hollywood, the $50-million **Anne Kolb Nature Center and Marina** is one of the region's many parks dedicated to preservation and appreciation of South Florida nature, particularly the Everglades, where children can learn about egrets, anhingas and other creatures amid more than two dozen interactive displays. (954) 926-2410.

In Deerfield Beach, **Quiet Waters Park** is anything but quiet, with plenty in store for kids including Splash Adventure, a high-tech water play system with slides, tunnels and more. Lake activity in the park includes cable water ski adventure and rental boats. (954) 360-1135.

Each July, the USTA Boys' 14 Super National Clay Court Championships -- the nation's premier clay court tennis tournament for boys aged 14 and under - takes place at Fort Lauderdale's **Jimmy Evert Tennis Center** in Holiday Park. Over the years, youngsters of all ages - among them Christ Evert, Jennifer Capriati and Andy Roddick -- have perfected their game at this center, with 21 courts (18 clay). (954) 828-5378.

For bicycling or in-line skating away from the street, Cooper City's **Brian Piccolo Park** awaits with hours geared to after-school and weekend skating. (954) 437-2626.

Wet & Wild

Youngsters hungry for nature in the raw can head for **Everglades Holiday Park**, (954) 434-8111, and **Sawgrass Recreation Park**, (954) 389-0202, to fish, go boating, and watch for alligators. At **Billie Swamp Safari**, (800) GO-SAFARI, swamp buggy eco-tours and airboat rides await children accompanied by adults, and it's possible to spend a night in a genuine Indian chickee hut. **Davie's Flamingo Gardens, Botanical Collections & Wildlife Sanctuary** , (954) 473-2955 has a Birds of Prey exhibit along with gators, crocodiles, and river otters. In Coconut Creek at **Tradewinds Park, Butterfly World**, (954) 977-4400, mesmerizes the pint-sized with thousands of butterflies as well as hummingbirds, waterfalls, orchids and roses. For kids hoping to spy sea turtles coming to shore to lay eggs, the place to go is **John U. Lloyd Beach State Recreation Area**, (954) 923-2833 or Hollywood's North Beach Park, (954) 926-2444. For the entire family, **Greater Fort Lauderdale** abounds with Dive Vacation packages with accommodations and optional extras. Virtual reality fishing and sand-castle building are part of the Greater Fort Lauderdale scene for kids, too. The $25-million **IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum**, (954) 462-6536, includes the Catch Gallery where youngsters can go deep-sea fishing through virtual reality to reel in marlin or sailfish. The museum's Discovery Room, designed for tomorrow's anglers, lets kids participate in a broad selection of sport fishing activities. Just off Fort Lauderdale Beach, the **International Swimming Hall of Fame** (where Tarzan once swam) serves as a training facility for future Olympians. (954) 462-6536.

For just plain screaming fun, **Boomer's Dania Beach** has go carts, bumper cars, miniature golf, and batting cages. (954) 921-1411.

Surf & Turf

Kid-friendly Greater Fort Lauderdale, of course, has no shortage of sand and surf fun with plenty of space for children to build sandcastles along 23 miles of beachy-keen coastline. Older kids can snorkel on nearby natural and man-made reefs, some within walking distance from the beach. Opportunities also abound for youngsters to fish from the beach, piers, or boats. Fishing never stops at the 24-hour **Dania Pier**. (954) 927-0640.

Boating in the "Venice of America" includes glass-bottom boat tours, sightseeing cruises, and tidewater tours showcasing unique regional ecology. Kids love airboat tours of the river of grass at **Sawgrass Recreation Park**. Fort Lauderdale's **Jungle Queen** lets kids step back into history onboard a paddlewheeler, (954) 462-5596, and the fleet of **Water Taxis**, (954) 525-7661, offer families a splashy, memorable way to access restaurants, attractions and even get back to hotels or waterfront homes without worrying about car seats.

Kids Kuisine

For exposing youngsters to South Seas wonders, Fort Lauderdale's **Mai-Kai** has a Tamarii (Polynesian for children's) Menu. Kon Tiki Chicken, Bora Bora Beef, Society Island Shrimp, or Captain Cook's Cooked Ribs accompany fried or steamed rice, beverage and dessert. Even better, for kids under 12, there's no charge for the exotic yet wholesome Mai-Kai review -- fire dancers and all. During summer, kids' shows are hosted on Sunday evenings. (954) 563-3272.

Rainforest Cafe at Sawgrass Mills, known as a "Wild Place to Shop and Eat," serves up Jungle Safari Soup, Leaping Lizard Lettuce Wraps, Flying Dragon Pepperoni Pizza and more amid an indoor rain forest atmosphere with waterfalls and aquariums. (954) 851-1015.

For half a century or close to it, **Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlor** in Dania has churned up ice creams and toppings on premises daily for malts, shakes, huge sundaes and more. For parties of four or more, the trademarked Kitchen Sink is topped by sparklers and big enough for a pint-sized army. (954) 923-4445.

Steeped in lore better than any history class, **Cap's Place Island Restaurant** -- for the past 75 years accessible only by ferry from a Lighthouse Point embankment -- has been known for Hearts of Palm Salad, Cap's signature Key Lime Pie, and seafood from lobster and stone crab to pompano, cobia, wahoo and more. A Minnow's Menu for the under 12 set includes Fried Island Chicken Nuggets, pasta, burgers and shrimp. (954) 941-0418.

Playing Nice & More

At the **Broward County Main Library's** annual Children's Reading Festival in April, nationally known storytellers, theater, music, magic, poetry and more are geared to entertain and motivate. Activities include Moonlight Tales, Jazz and Java, and a Great Book Giveaway. (954) 357-7397.

Each Mother's Day weekend, the City of Fort Lauderdale produces the nation's largest outdoor **Cajun/Zydeco Music Festival** promoting music, history, families and culture of Louisiana. Crazee Kid's Zone has games, contests, crafts, a children's watermelon sacrifice, dancing around the May pole and more. Children learn to dance at the Crazee Crawfish Stage, Fort Lauderdale Festival Grounds. (954) 828-5934.

Greater Fort Lauderdale hosts assorted spectacular sporting events packed with kid-appeal such as the monthly **Davie Five Star Championship Rodeo**, a real-life Wild West adventure with bull riding, barrel-racing and calf roping at Davie Arena. (954) 384-7075.

Catch Greater Fort Lauderdale's professional sports action with the **Florida Panthers** at the BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise, (954) 835-8326; and the Baltimore Orioles in spring training from mid-February to the end of March at Fort Lauderdale Stadium. (954) 776-1921.

Since shopping can be as popular with youngsters as adults (especially when tied to prospects of food and entertainment fun), Greater Fort Lauderdale again reigns as a kid-pleaser. **Sawgrass Mills**, the world's largest outlet mall, has a Polo Ralph Lauren Kids Factory Store, Osh Kosh B'gosh, Baby Gap Outlets, Disney's Character Premier, KB Toys, Game-Room, Toy Works and more. Other kid magnets for shopping include **The Gallery at Beach Place** (for on-the-beach shopping), **Las Olas Riverfront** (Fort Lauderdale's downtown entertainment and retail complex with multi-screen cinemas, and Fort Lauderdale's renowned **Swap Shop**, (the world's largest indoor/outdoor flea market with a daily free circus and carnival rides).

Fort Lauderdale's **Port Everglades**, among the world's top cruise ports, brims with family-friendly cruise ships sailing into the Caribbean while hopping with youth activity all year long. Come summer and holiday periods like Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, child-oriented activity on ships takes on added zest with pumped up programs for tots through teens. Check CruiseGuide for specials.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2011

About our Summer School

Summer School 2011 begins on Monday, June 20, 2011. School will be 5 days per week, Monday through Friday. School will be closed on Monday, July 4.

For students in grades 5-12, each session will consist of 60 hours of classroom instruction. School will be 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, Monday through Friday.

Attendance is mandatory. Students must arrive promptly. Missed time must be made up after school.

To enroll in FLPS summer school to repeat a previously taken class - all students in Grades 5-12 are required to bring a letter from their current school specifying course(s) required and their 2010/2011 report card.

FLP is a fully accredited academic institution. All classes and credits are transferable to all schools; public, private or parochial.

Grade K-4 **(8:30 am to 11:30 am)**

Our K-4 summer school program consists of intensive math and reading review, teaching, listening, following directions and attention span drills. Students are released at 11:30 am so they can participate in outside (parent provided) summer camp programs.

Grade 5-12 **(8:30 am to 2:30 pm)**

Summer school will be comprised of two sessions. Students may attend one or both. Those students who wish to improve academic skills, complete credits, or advance in subjects for the next year may attend. Skills classes in Reading, Language Arts, Math, Study Skills Techniques, and SAT Prep will be offered as well as most major subjects.

Dates

Session I: 6/20 - 7/1 **Session II**: 7/5 - 7/18 (Each session is 2 weeks)

Fees

Grades K-4: $550 per session; 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Grades 5-8: $700 per session (non-credit)
Grades 9-12: $750 per session (credit)

Reasons to attend Summer School

- An excellent opportunity to earn extra credits and get ahead academically
- Provides the opportunity for students who need more time to reach the same level as their peers
- The chance to complete failed courses
- All students can benefit from valuable enrichment programs
- Complete requirements for promotion to the next grade level
- English as a Second Language (ESL) programs offer much needed experience in a non-stressful atmosphere
- Provides the opportunity to practice for SAT, ACT, FCAT and other standardized tests
- The chance to complete basic work in the necessary skills of Reading, Math, and Language Arts
- To improve study skills, time management and organizational skills

Call the office or visit www.flps.com to download a registration form.

101 THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

As much as your kids will tell you they can't wait for summer, the words "I'm bored," inevitably cross their lips - sometimes sooner than you think! While children do enjoy the freedom that comes with the summer months, they still like to have a little structure to their fun.

The following list of activities will help your family take full advantage of summer and help spark your creativity to make the summer all that it should be! Kids can choose any activity they are interested in and complete them in any order they like (your children will probably enjoy checking them off as they complete them). Some items require parental permission (such as adopting a pet) but others are suitable for kids to complete on their own. Some can even be done with the entire family!

Take a moment to review the list, visit the websites, and see which activities best suit your family. With these 101 things to do, you may just escape the "I'm bored" doldrums this summer!

1 **Make a scrapbook of everything you do this summer**
The Basics of Scrapbooking
42explore.com/scrapbk.htm

2 **Have a picnic**
Planning a Picnic
www.recipeamerica.com/picnic.htm

3 **Write a letter to your best friend**
English Works!
Writing Letters
depts.gallaudet.edu/englishworks/writing/letter/writingletters.html

4 **Visit another country**
Lonely Planet Destination Guides
www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/

5 **Go to a ballgame**
Major League Baseball Team Schedules
mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/schedule/index.jsp

6 **Get a job** (parent permission)
Teens 4 Hire
www.teens4hire.org/

7 **Become a photographer**
BetterPhoto for Kids and Teens
www.betterphoto.com/photography-for-kids.asp

8 **Make dinner for your family**
Do-It-Yourself Dinner Party Project (PDF)
www.reynoldskitchens.com/ReynoldsKitchens/KitchenConnection/special/dinner_party/DinnerParty.pdf

9 **Compare a book to a movie**
Compare and Contrast Essay (PDF)
www.csudh.edu/CLASS/services/studyskills/english/webpageworksheets/comparecontrastessay.htm

10 **Write a poem**
30 Days of Poetry
www.msrogers.com/English2/poetry/30_days_of_poetry.htm

11 **Learn about fireworks**
How Stuff Works: Fireworks
people.howstuffworks.com/fireworks.htm

12 **Bake some cookies**
Science of Cookies
www.bakingandbakingscience.com/cookies.htm

13 **Take a boat ride**
Boat Safe Kids!
www.boatsafe.com/kids/index.htm

14 **Sketch a picture of your house from the outside**
Perspective Drawing
www.artyfactory.com/perspective_drawing/perspective_1.htm

15 **Go to camp**
Virtual Summer Camp
www.homeschoollearning.com/summer/summer.shtml

16 **Visit a farm**
4-H Virtual Farms
www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/virtualfarm/main.html

17 **Take a walk and record the sounds**
Listening to Nature
www.museumca.org/naturalsounds/

18 **Make your own soccer camp**
Soccer Drills, Skills, Rules, and Tips
www.soccerhelp.com/

19 **Keep a journal of what you do during the Summer**
Summer Journal Writing Prompts
www.astoria.fulton.k12.il.us/JuniorHigh/JrHiEnglish/summerhelp/journal%20prompts.html

20 **Cut up an old greeting card picture and make a puzzle** (parent help)
How to make your own jigsaw puzzle
http://entertainment.howstuffworks.com/how-to-make-toys4.htm

21 **Start a band**
Make Music! Start a Band
www.mustcreate.org/kid_home/kids3_1.shtml

22 **Make a new kind of sandwich**
Who Cooked That Up? - The Sandwich
members.cox.net/jjschnebel/sandwich.html

23 **Blow up balloons, put notes inside and hand them out to friends**
Message in a Balloon
www.nmhct.nhs.uk/pharmacy/nmha-activities.html

24 **Go backpacking**
The Beginning Backpacker
www.backpacking.net/beginner.html

25 **Go outside and find 10 kinds of flowers**
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
www.wildflower2.org/

26 **Create a web site**
Lissa Explains HTML for Kids
www.lissaexplains.com/

27 **Go camping**
Go Camping America Kids Pages
www.gocampingamerica.com/kidspages/

28 **Invent a new dance**
Elements of Dance
artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/2338/

29 **Help an elderly person with house or yard work** (parent permission)
Twenty Great Reasons to Volunteer
www.volunteermatch.org/volunteers/resources/tipstricks.jsp

30 **Visit the zoo**
National Zoo Animal Web cams
nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/default.cfm

31 **Learn a foreign language**
Free Online Language Courses
www.word2word.com/coursead.html

32 **Make an obstacle course in your backyard**
How To Set Up An Obstacle Course
www.ehow.com/how_3113_set-obstacle-course.html

33 **Make a treasure hunt**
The Ultimate Treasure Hunt
www.allthatstuff.net/treasurehunt.htm

34 **Read a story to someone**
Read Aloud Tips
www.myscschools.com/tracks/parents/readtips.htm

35 **Have a winter theme party**
Children's Winter Theme Party Ideas
www.partyshelf.com/Childrens_Winter_Parties.htm

36 **Recycle bottles & donate money to a charity**
The Internet Consumer Recycling Guide
www.obviously.com/recycle/

37 **Clean up a nature trail**
Trail/Campground Maintenance
www.volunteer.gov/gov/resultsZ.cfm?myPosition=trail&myTx=Trail/Campground%20Maintenance

38 **Build a tree house**
The Tree House Guide
www.thetreehouseguide.com/

39 **Create a new world**
World Building
teenwriting.about.com/library/weekly/aa071602a.htm

40 **Set up a lemonade stand**
Lemonade Stand Game
www.coolmath-games.com/lemonade/

41 **Learn or teach a new sport with someone**
Sports Illustrated for Kids
www.sikids.com

42 **Attend a concert**
Instruments of the Orchestra
www.sfskids.org/templates/instorchframe.asp?pageid=3

43 **Have a family game night**
What Game Should We Play?
www.hasbro.com/familygamenight/pl/page.games/dn/default.cfm

44 **Make a movie**
Movie-Making for Kids
www.town4kids.com/town4kids/kids/digital media/moviemaking/movie_main.htm

45 **Make a collage from magazine words and pictures Collage**
pbskids.org/zoom/activities/do/collage.html

46 **Create a terrarium**
How to Make a Terrarium
www.ehow.com/how_9374_make-terrarium.html

47 **Go canoeing**
US Kayak/Canoe Disciplines
http://www.adventuresportsholidays.com/north_america/united_states.php

48 **Discover a new author or book series**
Children's Literature Web Guide
www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/

49 **Go to a museum**
Museums on the Web
curry.edschool.virginia.edu/it/projects/Museums/Teacher_Guide/Hotlist

50 **Make a fire plan**
Home Fire Safety
www.usfa.fema.gov/kids/flash.shtm

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51 **Make up bubble solution and have a contest**
Casey Carle's "Secret" Bubble Solutions
www.bubblemania.com/faq/solution.html

52 **Find a pen-pal (parent permission)**
Pen Pal Directories
www.stonesoup.com/main2/penpal.html

53 **Plant something**
Gardens for Beginners
www.geocities.com/mastergardener2k/

54 **Visit a tourist spot near your home**
Tourist Information Directory
www.touristinformationdirectory.com/

55 **Host a yard sale**
How to Plan a Yard Sale
www.ehow.com/how_137461_yard-garage-sale.html

56 **Build a sandcastle**
Sandcastle Tools
www.sandcastlecentral.com/toolpages/

57 **Donate some of the toys and clothes you no longer use**
How To Donate Toys
www.ehow.com/how_10124_donate-toys-children.html

58 **Research your family tree**
Family Tree Online
www.familytree-online.com/

59 **Fly a kite**
Professor Kite and the Secret of Kites
www.gombergkites.com/howgen.html

60 **Invent your own board game**
Design Your Own Board Game
la.essortment.com/boardgamedesig_rxcu.htm

61 **Use a compass or GPS to map your neighborhood**
Mapping your Neighborhood
www.dnr.state.md.us/education/growfrom here/LESSON8/LESSON8.HTM

62 **Build a time capsule**
Making Time Capsules
dlis.dos.state.fl.us/barm/preservation/conservation/time/

63 **Act in a play**
So You Want to Put On a Play?
www.writewords.org.uk/articles/theatre1.asp

64 **Throw a cultural heritage block party**
Block Party Basics
www.canadianliving.com/CanadianLiving/client/en/Food/DetailNewsPrint.asp?idNews=230226

65 **Make a bird feeder**
Plans for Building Bird Feeders
birding.about.com/od/buildfeeders/

66 **Organize a bike safety clinic**
Bicycle Safety Command Center
http://www.travelinsurancereview.net/Travel-Facts/bicycle-safety.html

67 **Spend time with your grandparents**
10 Great Activities
www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson136.shtml

68 **Attend a first aid class**
Emergency First Aid Chart (PDF)
http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/courses/

69 **Dig for fossils**
Dinosaur Dig
www.sdnhm.org/kids/fossils/

70 **Write a song**
Notes on Songwriting
www.robinfrederick.com/write.html

71 **Tie-dye some t-shirts**
How to Tie-Dye
iaia.essortment.com/tiedyedyefa_rmel.htm

72 **Take a dog for a walk**
Tips for a Better Walk with Your Dog
rubyglen.com/pets/dogwalk.htm

73 **Have a paper airplane contest**
Paper Airplane Contest Rules
http://www.weather.com/outlook/homeandgarden/pets/tools/walking/?from=petsFL

74 **Go without TV for a day**
TV Turn off Network
www.tvturnoff.org/

75 **Sign up at your local library for their Summer Reading Program**
Summer Reading and Learning
www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/summerreading/summerreading.htm

76 **Learn some new outdoor games**
Games Kids Play
www.gameskidsplay.net/

77 **Make something from recyclables**
Crafts from Recycled Products
www.makingfriends.com/recycle.htm

78 **Share your favorite movie with a friend**
Movie Mom
movies.yahoo.com/mv/moviemom/

79 **Make home made ice cream**
Kitchen Theater Science in a Scoop
www.carnegiemuseums.org/cmag/bk_issue/1996/julaug/dept4.htm

80 **Jump on a trampoline**
Trampoline Safety Rules
www.outdoorfunstore.com/trampoline-safety.asp

81 **Get a magazine subscription** (parent permission)
Magazine Listing
www.magsonthenet.com/chilmag.html

82 **Organize a scavenger hunt**
Outdoor Scavenger Hunts
www.lovetheoutdoors.com/camping/kids/scavengerhunt.htm

83 **Go swimming**
Video Clips of the Swimming Strokes
wellness.lattc.cc.ca.us/real/strokes.html

84 **Paint a portrait of your best friend**
Draw Your Friend
www.arts.ufl.edu/art/rt_room/sparkers/friend_portrait/portrait_friend.html

85 **Start a collection**
How to Start a Collection
www.ehow.com/how_10563_start-collection.html

86 **Write a fairy tale**
Fractured Fairy Tales and Fables
teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/mff/fractured_fairy.htm

87 **Travel in time**
Odyssey Online
carlos.emory.edu/ODYSSEY/MidElem_Home.html

88 **Stargaze and track the moon phases**
Astronomy for Kids
www.dustbunny.com/afk/index.html

89 **Learn how to sew**
Learn to Sew
www.sewing.org/enthusiast/html/e_learntosew.html

90 **Visit a National Park**
National Park Service Guide
www.nps.gov/parks.html

91 **Rent a video of a ballet**
Easy to Read Profiles of the Histories of Ballets
classicalmusic.about.com/od/historyofballet/

92 **Roast marshmallows**
How to Roast a Marshmallow
www.ehow.com/how_1164_roast-marshmallow.html

93 **Watch the birds**
Tips on Getting Started with Bird Watching
www.birdwatching.com/tips/kids_birding.html

94 **Arrange a bouquet of flowers**
Virtual Ikebana
http://interiordec.about.com/library/weekly/aa021403b2.htm

95 **Learn to blog** (parents permission)
How Blogs Work
www.learnthenet.com/english/html/20how.htm

96 **Re-decorate your room**
Decorating Gallery
www.bhg.com/bhg/decoratinggallery/

97 **Learn to play chess**
Chess is Fun
www.princeton.edu/~jedwards/cif/intro.html

98 **Adopt a pet** (parent permission)
http://www.petfinder.com/

99 **Keep your brain going**
Brain Teasers
www.brainconnection.com/teasers/

100 **Teach someone to use email**
How eMail Works
www.learnthenet.com/english/html/20how.htm

101 **Create your own holiday**
A Month With No Holidays? Make Up Your Own!
www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson018.shtml

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