- **Get Ahead of the Game:** Schedule time to meet with your child's current teacher or teacher for the next grade, to learn specific topics that the child should work on. Whether mastering skills learned during the previous school year or getting a head start on upcoming lessons, the summer is a great time to develop skills.

- **Vacation Education:** Speding a week at the beach or heading to the mountains for vacation? Before you head out of town, find out what the destination has to offer and take advantage of the educational activities. Visiting historic sites and landmarks is a great way to teach children about history and geography.

- **Plan a Day Trip:** Schedule a day trip to a museum, zoo or farm. Interactive activities like these are a great way to promote learning and spending a day at a new place is exciting and often memorable for children.

- **Gaming and Instruments:** There are millions of video games and apps available to download on your phone, tablet or computer, and many provide great educational benefits. Spend some time researching games and apps that are best suited for both the learning needs and interests of your children. Learning new musical instruments are also a great way to keep the mind sharp and make beautiful sounding music.

- **Stimulate the Mind with Sports:** Sports are a great way to sharpen math skills while encouraging children to enjoy what they love. For example, if your child loves baseball (which is full of statistics) have them follow their favorite team and keep the score or track home runs and runs batted in (RBI's), and more.

- **Keep a Journal:** Encourage children to keep a journal of all of the memorable events that happen during the summer. Not only does this give them a place to share their thoughts and capture their memories, it helps further develop writing abilities.