Turn a Summer Trip Into a Learning Experience

If you're taking a family vacation this summer, you can turn it into a learning experience by doing the following:

- **Make the planning** as fun as the trip itself. Find a good travel guide. Assign your child to research the things she might see along your route. If you're passing by historical sites, check out some library books about the people, places or events before you leave.

- **Get maps for your child.** Give her a highlighter marker and ask her to mark the route you travel each day. She can keep her math facts fresh by calculating distance and mileage.

- **Plan rest stops.** Take a Frisbee® or a ball to toss—a little physical activity will be reinvigorating and may prevent arguments for a while.

- **Plan car activities.** Let your child choose an audio book to listen to. Car games are also a good way to help pass the time.