

Summer is time for learning at library

School is out, and there will be two and a half wonderful months of freedom. There will be no classes, no homework, no tests. However, it is very important for children not to let their skills slip backward, but to practice using them throughout the summer so that when school begins in August, they will not be behind.

The Summer Reading Club at Mauney Library provides an excellent opportunity to practice reading skills during vacation. The child is encouraged to read on his own level and at his own pace. The practice he receives during the summer will improve his reading skills and will help him achieve on a higher level in subjects next year.

Sometimes reading skills can be improved by gaining a better understanding of phonics. The sounds of vowels and consonants, the blends, and the combination of sounds with words can be difficult to grasp. Practice with phonics can be gained by using some of the kits and videos available at the library.

Summer is also a good time to brush up on difficult subjects. Without the pressures of teachers and tests, the child can work at his own pace and improve his skills in such areas as mathematics, spelling, science, etc. Books, audio cassettes, videocassettes, and kits are available at the library for individuals and self-directed study.

Summer can also be a time for new ventures and new experiences. The child can learn a new language, delve into a new area of science or history, learn to sew or cook, or explore any number of new subject areas. The child is free to follow his interests and explore new territories.

Listed below are some of the new videos which will enrich your child's summer and help him improve his skills.

"The Hear-See-Say Approach to Easy Reading" (Melody House Publishing, n.d.)

This kit consists of three audio cassette tapes and a reproducible workbook. It was designed to provide supplementary activities for slow or beginning readers but has also been used successfully with preschoolers. Children learn the sounds of the letters and letter combinations by saying the sounds along with the tapes. By reading

the illustrated book along with the tape, the child learns how the letters are sounded together to make words. Parental participation is not required and children can learn at their own pace.

"Hip Hop Multiplication Music Video" (Rapability Publishing Company, 1991)

Mastering the basic multiplication facts is essential to a child's ability to perform well in math at any level. This critical step is often left incomplete. Now Rapability has put the power of technology to work for you. This multiplication music video has fun, live-action dancing, up-beat sing-along lyrics and captivating graphics designed for endless replays. Your child learns the songs and automatically learns the facts.

"Letters and Numbers" (Twin Sisters Productions, 1993).

This kit, consisting of an audio cassette and an activity book, is designed to teach young children letter names, beginning letter sounds, and numerical sequences through a variety of original and familiar melodies. Simple, easy to sing melodies encourage child participation resulting in hours of wholesome learning and fun.

"Multiplication Rock" (Golden Book Videos, 1987).

Academy Award winner Cloris Leachman and a group of young friends share a lively half hour of catchy songs and skits that make learning about multiplication fun and easy.

"Rhythm, Rhyme and Read Phonics, Consonants and Vowels" (Twin Sisters Productions, 1992).

Designed and produced by two elementary school teachers, this kit, consisting of a book and tape and poster, introduces the vowel and consonant sounds in a delightful manner. Teaching through rhythm and music is a highly successful way for students to master basic skills. The audiocassette and reproducible activity book offer an exciting alternative to drills and practice exercises.

"Rock 'N Learn Letter Sounds: Phonics for Beginners" (Brad Caudle and Richard Caudle, 1992).

This tape and book program start with the ABCs, but doesn't stop



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there. After kids learn a fun, new alphabet rap and song, they enter into a magical world where the sounds of letters come alive. The excitement builds with a hilarious game called "Name that Letter." Next, young learners experience the thrill of putting letters together to make words. This is the perfect way to boost beginning reading skills.

"Rock 'N Learn Multiplication, Country Music" (Brad Caudle and Richard Caudle, 1993).

Learn the multiplication tables to the beat of popular country music. This kit includes an audiocassette and workbook of reproducible activities and work sheets which strengthen skills in working with basic math facts. So grab your boots and hats, tune those guitars and fiddles, and get ready to have a

great time.

"Rock 'N Learn Spanish, Vol. 1" (Brad Caudle and Richard Caudle, 1993).

All ages love this entertaining approach to learning beginning Spanish. Students listen to a word or phrase presented in English and hear the same information in Spanish. A delayed format allows

students to test themselves. The variety of songs holds the student's attention.

"Up With Phonics: Short and Long Vowel Sounds" (UP Videos, 1989).

Here is a new and exciting way to help your child learn to read. This kit consists of a video cassette and reproducible workbook. The program teaches short and long

vowel sounds, and includes instructional guidelines for parents. Children will enjoy their travels along with Jo Ellen and her lovable canine companion, Jupiter, while they discover the vowel sounds in enchanting settings. Through carefully designed lessons, the child is introduced to the vowel sounds and gains opportunities to practice them in a meaningful way.

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Bray wins Sanford award

Linda Bray, Kings Mountain High School biology teacher who reports to school at 6 a.m. every day, was honored as the winner of the Terry Sanford Award for creativity in the classroom by the Kings Mountain Association of Educators Tuesday.

Bray says she starts early to set up exciting times for her students which have included study groups, trips to the Outer Banks to study marine life, and computerized reviews for end-of-year tests.

On any given day of the week Bray's students are involved in a number of activities from supervising such projects as hatching snakes to field trips.

Bray also volunteers as a diving coach.

A native of New Jersey, she and her husband, Ronnie, a teacher, are parents of three children. For the first time in eight years she said she will have only one child in col-

lege in the fall.

Bray, who has taught at KMHS three years and was previously a computer system administrator for a major law firm in Charlotte, a legal secretary and a quality control advisor for an industry, was presented the plaque by Betsy Wells and KMAE President Janet Smith.

After the awards presentation, the Chapter honored retiring members with gifts.

Retired educator Dean Westmoreland installed the new officers, including Mike Smith, president; Rhonda Thompson, vice-president; Valerie Boyd, secretary; and Carole Dye, treasurer.

Westmoreland recalled that Sanford instituted the award when he was Governor of North Carolina in 1961.

KMAE members held a 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting at KMHS Cafeteria.

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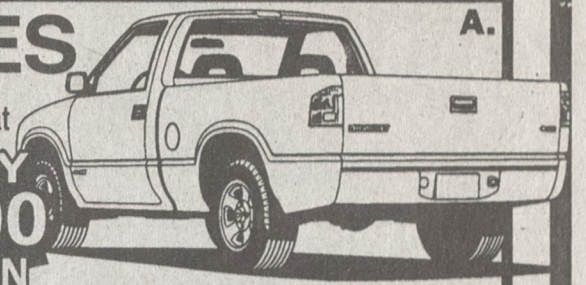
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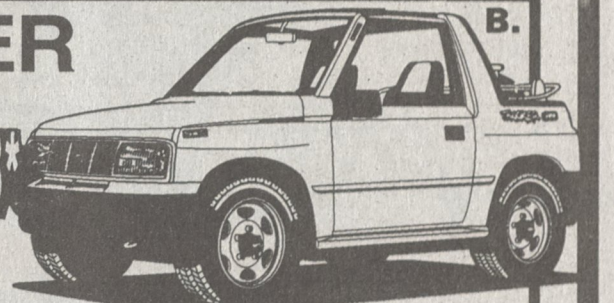


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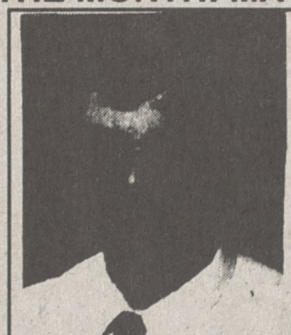
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