

# Tips to help kids remember skills

By JOEY HOPPER

No one expects parents to become teachers this summer. However, there are some things parents can do to help children remember those reading, writing and arithmetic skills that have taken so much time to master.



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During the summer, children become involved in a variety of enjoyable activities that are worthwhile and enriching. These same activities can be used to reinforce the basic skills that children have learned during the school year and ones that will need to be utilized when school resumes.

The following is a list of activities that can be used with children regardless of age or skill level. They are fun and imaginative and will assist in keeping skills alive and well during the summer months.

### AT HOME

Encourage your child to read daily. Encourage reading a variety of books, magazines, newspapers, comic books, etc. Trips to the library are a treat that should take place all sum-

mer long.

Teach your child how to write a check, balance a checkbook, keep the grocery amounts, etc.

Have your child count the number of doors, windows, etc. in the house. Older children can develop an inventory sheet of all your home belongings, including furniture, appliances, tools, recreation items, etc.

Encourage your child to cook, build a model, sew, or complete any activity that requires following directions in a sequential order.

Have your child design a map of the neighborhood, Grandma's house, or the YMCA Park.

Discuss news stories, magazine articles, sports results, and the TV Guide with your child.

Watch television with your child and discuss a character, the climax and plot of the story, what will happen next, fact and opinion, and fantasy and reality.

### ON VACATION

Have your child write to travel agencies, Chambers of Commerce, and/or the Office of Tourism for the place you will be vacationing. Read and discuss the material with your child.

Have your child keep a

journal of the trips including places visited and highlights of each day. Encourage your child to draw pictures of places of special interest.

Ask your child to figure out the route you will take on a map. Teach your child to calculate daily mileage and average miles.

Play games with license plate numbers; spot the highest number, round of by tens or hundreds, call out the number in the ones, tens, hundreds place, and sort by odd or even numbers.

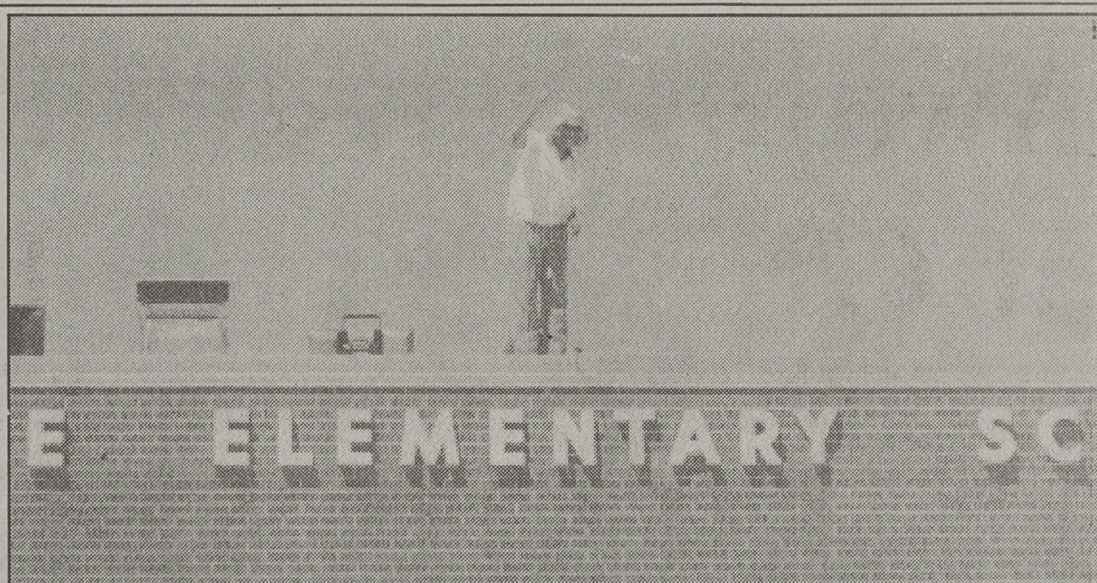
Discuss the high points of the states and cities visited. Have your child draw comparisons between population, climate, and economics of each plate.

### GENERAL TIPS

Set aside some time every day to spend with your child in an activity. Engage your child in active conversation and listen as much as possible. Keep activities short and fun. Review some of the areas where your child may have experienced some skill difficulty, but do not turn this time into drill.

Have fun with your child this summer but don't let learning take a vacation. Have a great summer!

(Joey Hopper is principal of North Elementary School).



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Bethware Elementary School Principal Mary Accor dresses up and goes on the roof last Wednesday for a fund-raiser for the Joseph Smith Relay for Life.

# High Notes

## Principal Accor sings from roof of school to reward students for Relay fund raising

By BEN LEDBETTER  
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For those who went to Bethware Elementary School last Wednesday, they may have noticed something different - it was Principal Mary Accor.

She was atop the school's roof in green pants and a green wig eating her lunch.

The stunt was part of the school's fund-raiser for the upcoming Kings Mountain Relay for Life, June 17-18 at the Cleveland Ave. Walking Track.

Accor set the goal for faculty, staff and students at \$950 for one week.

If the school met the goal, she would wear a green wig, eat lunch on the roof and sing songs.

The school raised \$1,300.

"We thought \$1,300 was really good in one week," Mary Anne Gibson, co-organizer of the school's Relay for Life Committee,

along with Page Ozmore.

After listening to a couple of ideas, Gibson said Accor came up with the idea of going on the roof.

"She came up with this which was much better," Gibson said.

To determine how much each person would contribute, Accor devised a math test which would factor such things as a person's years of employment and shoe size.

People who took the test were entered into a drawing and the winner went to Outback Steakhouse in Gastonia.

Students were assembled at the front entrance to the school and watched Accor lead them in cheers during their lunch period.

Bethware is not the only Kings Mountain school raising money for the relay.

West Elementary also raised money recently.

## GROVER

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Jessica Sprouse, Jacob Bridges, Megan Burns, Shonta Crawford, Sara Ellis, Courtney Israel, Bobby Moore, Davis Phanthalack, Steven Philbeck, John Roseboro, Dionna Smith, Charles Wigginton, Shawn Adams, Keenan Baker, Omar Petty, Zahria Perkins.

Terrific Kids - Morgan Lightsey, Ethan Hawks, David Smith, SaBrina Archie, Alexis Mintz, Ethan Rivers, Ryan Turner, Micaela Henderson, Hannah Bickley, Rebecca Thompson, Alexis Webb, Austin Toney, Aaron Byers, Raeshia Sims, Eric Jenkins, Ridge McNeely, Amber Vancil, Brooke Ford, Chase Sipes, Corey Callahan, Hayley Causby, Michael Thomas Killian, Delano Page, Alex Toms, Melissa Camp, Ceairia Stone, Matthew Turner, Jordan Falls, Rhonda Moore, Casey Bolin, Josh Grindell, Tyler King, Terri Stroud, Angela Walters, Connor Blalock, Will Dixon, Adam Jackson, Kayla Campbell, Teal Curry, Dillon Putnam, Jada Hamrick, Alan Michael

Jones, Aaron Bradley, Amanda Ford, Holly Hall, Brent Hunt, Jacob Bridges, Courtney Israel.

Superstar Awards - A'Yonna Smith, Steven Mitchell, Gabby Payne, Shawn Adams, Trevor Hambright, Guadalupe Marez, Isaiah Cole, Christina Weaver, Chelsea Vogleson, Abbie Moss, Mitchell Peeler, Ashon Smith, Jamie Lightsey, Jennifer Williams, Ashley Proctor, Tyler Sipes, Victoria Spicer, Sierra Wray, Ridge McNeely, Eric Jenkins, Dakota Bell, Lorin Payne, Amber Silvers, Zachary Price, Caitlyn Brauns, Tyler Stephens, William Ross, Frankie Shaw, Ashley Bullard, Eddie Malone, Daniel Cobb, Kristina Bradley, Lisa Camp, Candice Wilson, Stuart Smith, Tyler King, Paul Bristol, Kevin Green, Valerie Tilley, Samuel Dameron, Amanda Wall, Daniel Dover, Taylor Melton, Andrew Grindell, Krista Harris, Wesley Bell, Brandon Parnell, Brandon Philbeck.

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