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The Newspapers In Education (NIE) Program strives to promote literacy and responsible citizenship in children and young adults through the inclusion of newspapers with regular classroom curricula.

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## Make Your Own Reading Room!

Reading opens up new worlds and provides quality time for you to bond with your parents. Create a special reading space in your home that feels personal, special, cozy, warm - and fun.

We read because it's pleasurable and useful. Read books that you like with one of your parents, even if it seems too easy. Don't feel that what you read at home has to mirror what you read at school.

Fathers, brothers, uncles, and grandfathers need to read, too! Why? They bring something new and valuable to the reading experience - from different subject selections to different perspectives. Reading has something to offer everybody.



Summer will be here before you know it. Do you know what you'll be doing during the lazy, hazy days coming up? Studies show that, during the summer, you lose a lot of what you learned throughout the year if you don't engage in educational activities.



## How to prevent "Brain Drain" during the summer months:

- Look in the newspaper for summer activities and day camps. Many camps offer reading and math programs.
- Learn to love your library. There are summer programs available for free. Your library can suggest age-appropriate books that will keep you reading! Have a hobby? Find a book about it and learn more. Reading can be fun as well as educational.
- Even if you attend public school, some private schools offer summer programs that you can attend. These programs might include academics as well as sports, crafts, and field trips.
- Check out local parks and museums for summer programs. Some of them may even be free.

Before the school year ends, check with your teacher on reading assignments or other suggestions that will help you with the next school year. Just because it's summer doesn't mean you have to stop learning! Just because you're learning doesn't mean you can't have fun!

- Check out some kid-safe websites. If you don't have a computer, go to your local library and use one of theirs. Here are some fun websites to visit:

<http://www.bookadventure.com/ki/index.asp>  
<http://www.kidsreads.com/>  
<http://pbskids.org/>  
<http://kids.yahoo.com/>  
<http://funschool.kaboose.com/>



## How I See My Summer Fun!!!



What will you do this summer? Will you play with your brothers, sisters, or cousins? Will you work or volunteer? Will you learn how to swim? Will you draw, paint, and color at summer camp? Write a short summary of your summer plans and share it with your class.

You are a sports writer. Watch a sporting event and write a newspaper article that describes the outcome of the event. E-mail your article to family members and friends and show off your skills. Compare your writing style with one of the reporters in the Sports section of your newspaper.

## Read and Rise

Scholastic Inc., in partnership with The National Urban League, developed Read and Rise: Preparing Our Children for a Lifetime of Success. This program is designed to equip families of color for introducing reading to their children at an early age. State Farm Insurance is the lead sponsor for this national program.

- STARS and AEP – The Academic Enrichment Program (AEP), in conjunction with the Science, Technology, Arithmetic and Reading Skills (STARS) Program, improves the overall scholastic achievement of at-risk youth with specific school-related academic support (grades improve, reading and math levels increase).
- SES – Supplemental Education Services are provided by the League with funding support from the Leave No Child Behind Act. These services are provided to children whose parents are seeking additional academic help in the areas of Reading and Math.



## Join the Dayton Urban League

Make a difference! Join the Dayton Urban League, which believes that parents, family members and caregivers play a critical role in ensuring that children have the necessary early literacy and pre-reading skills to prepare them to do well in school and meet the challenges of the 21st century. For more information call (937) 220-6665 or visit us on-line at [www.daytonurbanleague.org](http://www.daytonurbanleague.org).

## Events

Please join the Dayton Urban League for the following events:

**60th Annual Dinner** at the Dayton Convention Center- May 10 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm- Youth Reception, 6:00- 9:00- Dinner  
For more information call (937) 220-6650

**Summer Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) Preparation Classes**  
Sessions start in June. After the sessions are over, you can take the test. For more information call (937) 229-7930.

## Attention Teachers!

If you haven't turned in your newspaper delivery confirmation for this year, please go to one of the NIE websites listed above and click the link "Teacher Verification Form" on the left side of the homepage. Thank you for helping us in this very important process.