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## **– Summer: Time for Fun and Learning –**

Summer is here, but don't fret over how to keep children entertained...and learning at the same time! This issue is devoted to websites to help keep learning fun and interactive. Families—try them out this summer. Teachers—bookmark them for the fall. Additional websites for other subjects and ages are on my Facebook page: [Visions and Voices Together Creating Educational Success For All](#)

**History:** Help history come alive through a personal multimedia timeline. Add photos and media clips to a timeline of a student's life, a sequence of events from a favorite series of books, a timeline of a student's favorite time in history, or a student can make predictions and design a timeline of the future. A use-friendly elementary tool is [timetoast](#). For more tech-savvy students, check out [dipity](#).

**Writing:** [Lightning Bug](#) is sure to give your child the writing bug! It has a wealth of writing resources. Use a mind map or check out the plot bank for finding a story idea. Developing the story can be easier when using some of Edward DeBono's thinking exercises. There are additional tips for polishing the details of a story in preparation for publishing!

**Reading:** Would you love to see your 9-15-year-old curled up with a book that can't be put down? [Stacks](#) helps excite accomplished readers and motivate reluctant ones with suggested titles, book reviews, how to connect with others who have read the same book, and learning games for many of the suggested books.

**Math:** [Math Live](#) features animated cartoons for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade math concepts and demonstrates applications to real life. Parent and teacher tips are also provided. With this website, maybe more adults could answer some of the math questions on *Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?*

**Identify your vision:** How do you see a child's learning in fun and meaningful ways?

**Use your voice:** Share one of your interests with a child; set an example of being a life-long learner!

**Work together:** Share websites you recommend on my Facebook page:  
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