

BOOKS OR THE BEACH?: BRIGHT FUTURE LEARNING CENTER GIVES TIPS ON HOW TO GET YOUR CHILD TO READ THIS SUMMER

No more teachers, no more books? It doesn't have to be that way this summer. In fact, you can encourage your child to keep his or her mind fresh through books, while having fun doing so. Paul Dhillon, Director of Education at Bright Future Learning Center in Branchburg has some tips.

- *Read Together* -- Don't keep your child's reading to books alone. Read from comic strips and magazines as well.
- *Be Creative* -- Write and mail a letter to your child. When it comes, read it together. Also, let your child help create and read your shopping list.
- *Establish a Routine* -- Read to your child at the same time every day.
- *Set an Example* -- Make sure that you read something everyday whether it's a magazine or a newspaper.
- *Make Reading Fun* -- Let your children pick books that interest them and allow them to talk about the stories and ask questions about the pictures. Make it interactive. Most of all, remind them that reading is a time for you to spend together.

Dhillon says, "It is so important to encourage your children to read, especially during the summer months while they are away from school. Whether they bring a book in the car on the way to your summer getaway or bring it on the beach while sitting in the sun. It's a great way to keep their minds sharp. They can also have fun in the process and develop a life-long love of books."