

**What BCPS Parents Need to Know About...**

## **SUMMER LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITIES**

**FACT:** “All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer.”

Johns Hopkins University, Center for Summer Learning, 2007

Parents have fun with your family this summer by taking part in the activities below and at the same time you will be helping your child to continue to grow in all areas of language arts:

- Visit your local branch of the public library and participate in their summer reading programs for the whole family and countless special summer activities.
- Have your child locate and read a review of a movie they are planning to see; after the movie, engage your child in a discussion about the movie to see if they agree or disagree with the review.
- Encourage your child to view a film version of a novel that they read; have them explain which version they preferred and why.
- Encourage summer reading, but let your child choose recreational reading in addition to any book lists that are provided by the school.
- Buy a journal for each family member to take on vacation so that each of you records memorable events that occur each day. Share journal entries periodically.
- Take word games, such as *Scrabble* or *Scrabble Jr.*, on vacation to play when the weather does not cooperate.
- Have your child assist in researching the recreational, educational, and entertainment opportunities in the area in which you plan to travel.
- Have your child assist in writing an itinerary to follow during your summer travels.
- Listen to a audio book together or take turns reading a novel aloud as you travel.
- Discuss interesting/intriguing/controversial letters to the editor, editorials, or articles with your child.
- Encourage reading for pleasure by buying a subscription to one or more magazines that your child enjoys.