

What BCPS Parents Need to Know About...

SUMMER SOCIAL STUDIES 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 social studies:

- Use a road map to highlight family trips and outings during the summer.
- Compare two newspaper accounts of the same story.
- Have your child interview a family member from a different generation. Discuss with your child how society has changed over the years.
- Visit a new museum.
- Take your child to work for a day.
- Graph prices in the grocery store and research why prices have gone up or down.
- Compare a documentary or non-fiction book with a movie that deals with the same subject.
- Write and send a letter to the editor in response to a newspaper article.
- Visit an elected official.
- Spend a day viewing court trials.
- Explore American government on Ben’s Guide to Government at bensguide.gpo.gov.
- Research countries around the world in the CIA World Factbook at www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook.
- Follow a dollar bill as it travels through the U.S. economy in Fed 101 at www.federalreservededucation.org.