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## Success Story

Ahaan was the youngest student to take the Duke Exam last month. His tutor, William, prepared this early elementary level student to take the test at an 8th grade level in math. The student did better than 75% of all 8th graders from 16 states.

*"William, we are proud to have you working with our team of tutors!"*

## Quote of the Month

Wise men learn more from fools than fools from wise men. ~ Proverb

## Suggested Web-Sites

## Is Summer here already?

Well, you might think so. Everyone is promoting exciting activities for kids to help keep them busy during the summer. It is important to keep those minds and bodies working when they are not in school.

Nevertheless, right now, parents and students still need to stay focused on the classes at hand. Remind your student of that old adage, "Keep your eye on the ball."

Unfortunately, it has been proven that more students will perform poorly during the last 4-6 weeks of class than at any other time of the school year. They lose focus, the subject material becomes more difficult, and most students struggle with some form of stress as they prepare to wrap up the school year. Statistics show that even students who have performed stellar throughout the school year may falter during the last grading period. A tutor can help your student to prepare for exams, write term papers, or reinforce the skills that were taught earlier in the year.

Studies have shown that elementary students that do not continue some kind of academics over the summer forget an average 30 to 50% of what they learned the previous year in both math and reading.

Therefore, when you are registering for summer camps to keep their creative juices flowing and their bodies active, be sure to plan some time for keeping their minds busy, too. Publishers offer a wide variety of fun and interesting activity books, excellent non-fiction books to compliment your child's interests, and great stories for reading. The internet is also a fantastic source for free materials for children.

We are always available to offer suggestions or point you in the direction of some terrific websites for kids...just call our office.



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## Summer Camp Fun



### Tips for choosing the right camp for your kids

**1. Ask questions.** Lots of questions. What activities are planned? The staff should be able to tell you specifically what they're doing and provide a detailed list once camp starts.

**2. Do a visual inspection.** It's important to go to the facility to get an impression. Is it attractive and well-kept? That reflects the pride the staff takes with the facility. Is it clean and free of tripping hazards? Walk the playground to see if it looks taken care of. It's a good idea, particularly with younger children, to take the child with you to visit so that the first day of camp isn't so traumatic.

**3. What about the staff?** Are they pleasant and smiling? Do they know CPR and first aid?

Also important is asking whether the camp does background checks on its staff.

**4. What are the safety policies?** You are looking for cues that the camp is thinking ahead. The camp should probably have its safety policies in writing.

**5. What is the staff-to-camper ratio?** This will give you an indication of how well-supervised the child will be. According to the Summer Care



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Workgroup, sponsored by the state Department of Children & Families, Florida's maximum staff-to-child ratio for school-age children is 1:25. National quality standards recommend between 1:8 and 1:15 for children age 5 through teens.

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**6. Are snacks provided?** Even if they are send your child with a healthy lunch. Fruits and vegetables, lean meats, fruit juices.

**7. What is the cost?** Watch for hidden costs such as extra fees for field trips and pizza parties. Ask what isn't covered by the camp fee.

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