

## Preparing for Summer Checklist

### Things to ask the teacher:

- Three assignments/goals that would be good to work on during the summer months.
- Any leftover extra worksheets or workbooks that could be sent home?
- Any tips/strategies to use at home that worked well at school?
- Recommendations for summer programs and activities in the area.
- Email addresses or phone numbers of the parents of children in the class to set up play dates.

### Things for me to do to prepare:

- Collect ideas for arts and crafts and put the needed materials in a box for easy access.
- Prepare outside activity gear and make them easily accessible, i.e. swimming gear, baseball gloves and balls, bike gear, Frisbees, etc.
- Organize any school assignments, worksheets, and books.
- Make a list of possible outings/activities to keep on hand, including locations and admission costs, and pencil in outing dates on a calendar.
- Prepare a reading list or a box of books to read through during the summer months. Keep a reading log.
- Have a reward box with small prizes to encourage completing assignments or reaching goals. The Dollar Tree is a great resource!
- Draw up a list of fun activities to do together. This can include gardening, making a bird feeder, cooking or baking, swimming lessons, visiting someone, etc.

### Things to do to prepare my child:

- Talk about and/or write a social story about summer vacation and the last day of school.
- Prepare a new daily visual schedule for the summer days. (Remember to schedule outside activities during the coolest part of the day.)
- Talk about and/or write a social story about both set activities and surprise activities that will happen during the summer.
- If a vacation or a trip is planned, mark it on the calendar, talk about it, and/or write a social story with pictures of what will happen and where we will be going.
- Ask my child for their ideas and wishes, too, and include their requests in the planning as much as possible.