

June 2015



Why Can't I Have Both?

I seem to be stumbling upon the debate of whether to extend the school year for learning purposes and to keep young minds exercising, versus give our children some well deserved time off to play and have unique experiences outside the classroom. Maybe it is the time of year that brings this question up, or maybe as each year passes, the gap between the academically stable and on target performers and those who struggle and can't catchup becomes greater.

I relish the summer months as I know my daughter will be getting the exercise she needs and the mental stimulation she just doesn't get in school. Yet, it is work to keep her reading and growing her academic skills. It takes thought, planning and sometimes a little money. Three things that not all families have time or resources for. I recognize that our children will never live in a perfect world and what is that anyway? Yet I continue to push the envelope to search for and provide alternatives for children and their families year round. Summer is always an opportunity to enrich. My goals for my family in the summer months is to get out and stay outdoors, move our bodies and push our limits, and find the learning moment in everything. Mix a little of the old (traditions) with a little of some new.

This quarter's newsletter is about those alternatives.

If you find our monthly newsletter helpful, pass it along to a friend and like us on [Facebook](#). Please give us a call at 603.953.5025 if you would like to see us tackle a specific challenge in one of our monthly newsletters.

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In the News

New York Times (June 2, 2015) For the Poor, the Graduation Gap Is Even Wider Than the Enrollment Gap- Rich and poor students don't merely enroll in college **at different rates**; they also complete it at different rates. The graduation gap is even wider than the enrollment gap. In 2002, researchers with the National Center for Education Statistics started tracking a cohort of 15,000 high school sophomores. The project, called the **Education Longitudinal Study**, recorded information about the students' academic achievement, college entry, work history and college graduation. A **recent publication** examines the completed education of these young people, who are now in their late 20s. ([read more](#))

Health Education- Class intended for students with Social Skills Deficits (Autism, Asperger's, Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities). Visit our website for more info.

Summer Writing Camps
For Authors in Training
grades 4-8. Amity Publications offers a unique program for kids to become authors!

Summit Achievement-
Licensed, residential center located in the White Mountains of Maine. Students learn to accept responsibility and become invested in their future.

Teen Wilderness Adventures-AMC has a unique summer outdoor program in New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts and Maine.

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Upcoming Events

June 2015

Barrington Public Library Summer reads program kicks off and runs through August 22nd. Stop by and view the cool weekly prizes NET has donated to their summer readers. [Learn more here](#)

June 7, 2015

NH SPCA Paws Walk
Largest animal welfare fund-raising event held at Stratham Park.
[Learn more here](#)

Education Week (May 29, 2015) Special-Needs Students Face Choice: Seek Help or Go It Alone? On paper, it looks simple. But Stefanie Smith's individualized education program can't really capture what it feels like to spend an entire school day on a college-admissions test that is only supposed to take four hours. It doesn't convey the anxiety that her dyslexia might trip her up on the driving test and she will have to continue to rely on her mother for rides. Or the joy of discovering that German is a phonetic language and that she could read an entire novel—*Homo Faber* by Max Frisch—in a language other than the one that has been making her head ache since she first figured out she was the only one in her kindergarten class who could not yet spell her own name. ([read more](#))

Boston Globe (February 23, 2015) Success In School Linked To Summer Learning - Initial data from an ongoing study conducted in Boston and four other urban communities suggest that summer programs can help elementary school children reduce learning losses that typically occur during vacations and could create a more level playing field. "The research says that low-income kids learn at about the same rate during the school year as high-income kids, but learning loss during the summer is greater for poorer kids, and the effect is cumulative," said Chris Smith, executive director of Boston After School & Beyond, which works with Boston Public Schools to organize the local Summer Learning Project. ([read more](#))

What Does NET Do In The Summer?

Most people think that a tutoring company would slow down in the summer months right? We are not your average tutoring company. Some of the work we will be doing this summer.....teaching **English to students in China** via the Internet, helping adults hone their **computer skills**, helping small groups of seniors-to-be finish their **college essays**, creating enrichment programs for **experiential summer learning**, supporting a group of Hockey athletes with **SAT prep**, helping young adults on the Autism Spectrum learn **social skills**, helping families **plan a year of travel** and develop their academic plan, and of course **math, reading and writing skills!**

So much to do and only 10 weeks of summer. Give us a call and let us help you make the most of your summer learning months.

Book a consult to set a plan before June 30th and lock in our lowest rate, for the summer or an entire year of learning.

Call us TODAY 603.953.5025

June 29-July 3, 2015

Comic Strip Creation Class
at Growing Places Summer
Camp. [Learn more
here](#)

August 22, 2015

*Exeter 17th Annual Harvest
Festival* Free family fun for
all ages. [Learn more here](#)

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