

Squash the Summer Slide with ReadWriteThink.org's **Bright Ideas for Summer!** 

<u>ReadWriteThink.org</u> has compiled four parent-friendly activities that promote the continued use of reading and writing skills outside of school during the summer break. These activities engage children in writing activities using online interactive tools that allow them to save and share their work. Activities include

- <u>Poetic Memories of Summer</u>: Write poetry in various forms about summer themes.
- <u>Summer Superheroes</u>: Build a Story Cube about a superhero with summer super powers.
- Can You Convince Me?: Map out a persuasive argument for a summer treat.
- Summer Trading Cards: Creating a Trading Card for a favorite character

When finished, children can publish their completed work on <u>Thinkfinity Community</u>, a free, online education-focused social website.

Find more information about the Bright Ideas for Summer activities and how to share your work at http://www.readwritethink.org/bright-ideas/.

ReadWriteThink.org, a free website devoted to providing literacy instruction and interactive resources for grades K-12, is a partnership between the International Reading Association and the National Council of Teachers of English, sponsored by the Verizon Foundation. ReadWriteThink provides teachers with effective lesson plans and strategies, a professional community, and engaging online interactive student tools.

