

## Summer Pointers from the West Wing (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- ◆ Make a calendar listing trips, holidays, etc. Have your child help you plan as much as possible...length of trip, cost, travel plans, etc
- ◆ When traveling encourage your child to be navigator – talk about streets, landmarks, directions
- ◆ Make reading a part of each day
- ◆ Encourage letter, journal, and diary writing
- ◆ Plan trips to museums, zoos, libraries, etc.
- ◆ Cook with your child – talk fractions
- ◆ Write a play
- ◆ Make a movie
- ◆ When eating out – guess how much the bill is, figure tax, tip
- ◆ When driving discuss gas consumption, speed limits, time to get there, etc.
- ◆ Write math facts in the sand while at the beach
- ◆ Write a postcard to a friend or relative
- ◆ Write a letter to a friend or relative
- ◆ Use measurements while making a recipe
- ◆ Take a photo scavenger hunt
- ◆ Take turns reading a book to each other
- ◆ Keep a summer journal
- ◆ Write and illustrate a story
- ◆ Write a menu for a meal and go shopping for the ingredients - have your child plan meals and make them for the family
- ◆ Pick a topic of interest and go to the library to research more about it
- ◆ Participate in a summer reading program
- ◆ Use a summer review workbook
- ◆ Write a letter of introduction to your next teacher