

# Staying Sharp Summer Packet



Complete all the sections of this Staying Sharp packet and you can earn your way to the Fabulous

## **Back to School Bash!**

There will be games, food and lots of Fun!!



Parents see reverse for details

Dear parents



Our children have worked hard this year and we are very proud of their efforts. We want them to relax and enjoy themselves this summer. We do, however, want our students to maintain the skills they have gained this year. Studies have shown that children who do not actively engage their minds over the summer can lose up to three months of instruction. We have found this to be true at Watt Hardison. Last summer many of our students who did not read over the summer dropped 2 to 10 reading levels. It took most of them the full first quarter (or more) to regain the skills they had lost. In an effort to maintain our students' learning and keep their momentum, we are supplying you with this Staying Sharp packet. In it we are asking students to read 80 minutes a week for 8 weeks. This may be accomplished by reading 20 minutes a day for four days a week or by reading for longer in one or two sittings a week. We are also asking students to practice specific math skills three times a week for six minutes. With a relatively small amount of time invested, your child will maintain and may even increase some of their basic skills. As a reward for their efforts, we will have a Back To School Bash during the school day on the first week of school. There will be games, and food for children who complete ALL sections of the Staying Sharp packet. Please encourage your child to participate.

Thanks for your help!

Watt Hardison Staff

