

It's Summer! This Is Okay.

- Carol Gray

Some children love going to school. Some children do not.

Some children wish school was open all summer. Some children are happy to have a break from school.

It's okay for kids to think and feel their own way about school or summer.



Calendars help adults keep track of their activities. On a calendar, every day has a date. There is one box for each date.

Some kids use calendars, too. There are many things that kids write or draw on their calendars. They use them to keep track of things, like how many vacation days are left. Some kids draw circles around days where something fun is planned.



Some kids use a journal in the summer. A journal is a place to write or draw about each day.

Sometimes it's a good idea to make a journal entry when the day is almost over, just before getting ready for bed.



Every day has a schedule. School days have schedules. Summer days have schedules.

Some schedules are posted. At school, *Posted Schedules* often list subjects and the times that they usually occur. Many *Posted Schedules* in homes list chores. Sometimes, they also include when chores need to be completed. This is because some chores need to be done at about the same time each day.



Sometimes a schedule is not posted. It's an *Unposted Schedule*. At school, Field Day follows an *Unposted Schedule*. Adults may not post the events or times that things will happen. But, they usually know what will happen first, second, third, and so on. When a family goes camping, activities are not usually posted. Adults are often in charge of *Unposted Schedule* days. It's okay to ask them what will happen next.



Sometimes, often in the summer, an adult may say something like, "Well...we don't really have a schedule today." This is okay. It is also a mistake. Every day has a schedule. There are *Posted Schedules*, *Unposted Schedules*, and *Discovered Schedules*.

When no one knows what the schedule is, it is for sure that it will be discovered before the day is over. It's a *Discovered Schedule*.



A *Discovered Schedule* needs a Reporter. This is a person who writes down what happens and when. Almost always, something happens. At the end of the day, there's the *Discovered Schedule*!



It's summer! Some kids use a calendar or journal.
I may try using my own calendar or journal.

Every summer day has a schedule, too. It may
be posted, unposted, or it may need to be
discovered!

