

# Summer Problem Solving

## *Ideas For Home And In Your Community*

Regardless of their age, it is important for all children to keep problem solving during the summer. Try some of the ideas below to keep your kids or teens engaged in the problem solving process.

<p><b>Home Project</b></p> <p>Is there something in the house that needs fixing, a challenge in the garden, or a room that needs decorating? This is a good opportunity to have your child apply the six-step method to the project.</p>	<p><b>Community Garden</b></p> <p>Sometimes it can be difficult to bring people together, so your child can work on a community garden. Encourage them to work with other kids to plan and solve problems that appear.</p>	<p><b>Civics Engagement</b></p> <p>Attend public local governing body, council, or community meetings. Seize the opportunity to ensure your child is aware of issues facing the local community and discuss possible solutions.</p>
<p><b>Summer Job</b></p> <p>Encourage your child to learn essential skills at a summer job or apprenticeship. The experience will help them understand how to apply their problem solving abilities to real world situations.</p>	<p><b>Summer Reading</b></p> <p>Learning about new topics and diving deeper into subjects. Help your child remain engaged by setting reading goals and rewarding their efforts. Make it a family activity to explore the past or upcoming FPS Annual Topics.</p>	<p><b>Volunteer</b></p> <p>Find opportunities for your child to help make a difference in the community. Whether it is at the local library or non-profit, the experience will help them learn essential skills and practice problem solving.</p>

