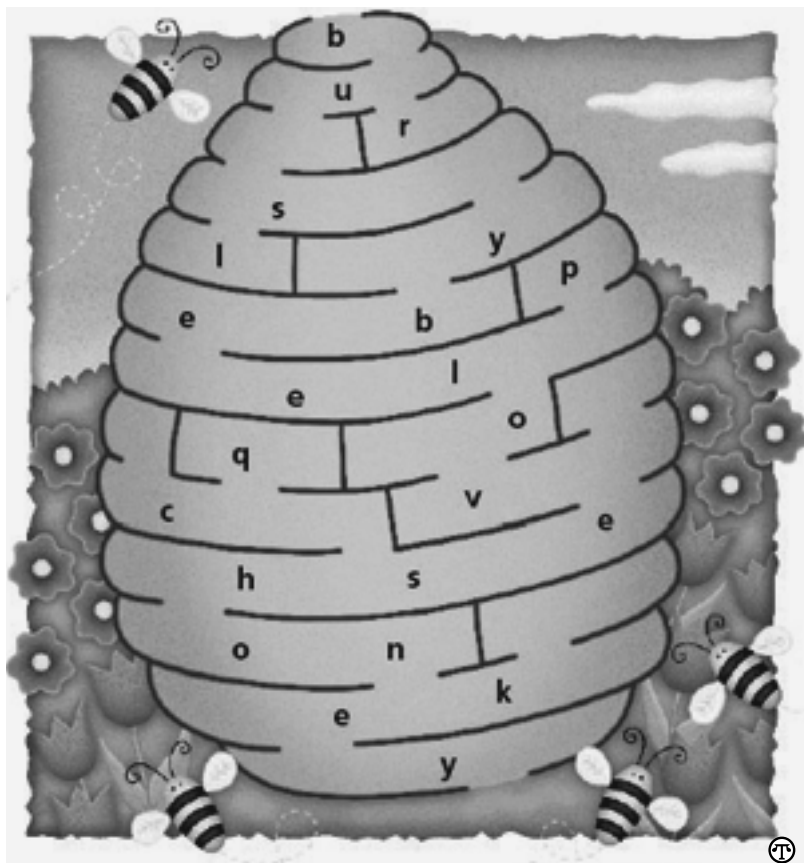


# Pointers For Parents

## Keeping Kids' Minds Bright Over The Summer



(NAPSA)—Summer vacations don't have to lead to brain freeze. That's the word from education experts who say there are fun ways children can keep their minds sharp over summer vacation—and prepare for the next grade.

For instance, kids can use a workbook series designed to help bridge the gap between one grade and the next. It features full-color

illustrations and fun activities in math, science, social studies and language skills (such as the one above: Help Buzzy Bee find her friends. Draw a line to connect letters that spell out a sentence.) The books, called "Flash Kids," are an imprint from Spark Educational Publishing. They're available at Barnes & Noble and at [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com).