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"Is it Summer Yet?" By Judy Morrison

Suggested age level: Elementary School

As summer gets closer, it is fun to track how the temperature increases. To model collecting data and making predictions, you and your child can do a simple activity, collecting daily temperature. Start by recording the temperature every day. Ask your child to pick the time and decide how and where to write down the day, time, and temperature. Having children make these decisions gives them more ownership of the activity. One of the easiest places to get the current temperature is from your phone. Record the temperature daily at the set time and be sure to ask the child to label the temperature with degrees F for Fahrenheit. After 3-4 days of recording, ask your child to predict what the temperature might be at the set time the next day based on the pattern already observed. The child is now collecting data, analyzing patterns, and making predictions, all-important scientific practices.

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