May only be March, but it’s already time to be thinking about summer camp for kids—so they don’t spend their break just watching TV.

The trouble is, with camps about bugs, camps about pottery, camps about baseball and camps about everything in between, there are so many choices that it can be hard to make a decision.

“Summer isn’t just dead time where your student stops growing and learning,” said Stuart Owens, summer camp director at the YMCA’s Southeast branch off Six Mile Lane.

“Parents have a lot of options to help make the most of the time away from school.”

The key is doing your homework before your student stops getting homework themselves.

The Courier-Journal’s annual summer camp

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Are you ready for THE SUMMER?

Camp guide lists options to keep your kids involved

SARA GILBERT, 8, RIGHT, PLAYS ON THE PLAYGROUND AT FERN CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL’S YMCA SITE. PHOTOS BY MAGGIE HUBER/SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL

SUMMER CAMP KICKOFF

What: Families can preview 30 to 40 different camp vendors at the event sponsored by Jefferson County Public Schools family resource centers.

Where: Beargrass Christian Church, 4100 Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews

When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 24

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