

Fun Summer Learning Activities



Why is it important to continue learning during the summer?

When children have an opportunity to continue learning and practicing over the summer, they maintain some of the progress made throughout the year in reading, writing and math.

Read Together - Every Day

Reading together is one of the best activities you can do with your child to maintain their growth. Strive to make it a daily habit of reading to your child or have them read to you if they are able.

Visit the Library

The library is a wonderful place to visit during the summer. This fun outing provides families with access to children's programs and an endless source of books to read together. Contact your local library for details.



Play a Board Game

Board games are a great way to build skills and confidence in math. Consider playing:

- **UNO** for matching
- **Monopoly** for counting and money use
- **Snakes and Ladders** for counting and adding
- **Cribbage** for adding and tracking score
- **Blokus** for spatial skills

Follow a Recipe in the Kitchen

The kitchen is a great space to practice reading and measuring. Follow a recipe and have fun cooking and eating together as a family. *Tip: make a list of ingredients before you go shopping.*



Grocery Store Math

Grocery shopping is a great opportunity to help your child think mathematically. Make it fun by adding up the totals as you put items in the basket. You can adapt this activity depending on the age of your child.

As you add up the cost of the items, talk about the difference between estimating and adding the actual cost.

For example, if bread is \$2.99, round up the cost to \$3.
If milk is \$3.81, try rounding up to \$4.
Then add everything up together $\$3 + \$4 = \$7$.

This process helps children understand the distinction between estimates and exact math, and keeps their brain working while you shop.

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Visit a Park

Spending time outdoors is a great way to keep your child active while also having an opportunity to laugh and play with friends.



Cloud Art

This fun art activity requires no supplies. Find a comfortable spot on the grass and look up at the sky. Take turns telling each other stories about the picture the clouds are painting in the sky. "I see a fish and it looks like it's swimming."



I Spy

Summer is a great time to play I Spy

Begin with "I spy with my little eye, something that..." and complete the sentence with phrases like *rhymes with mine, sounds like house or begins with j.* Encourage your child to ask questions to help them identify the object.

Fun with Science

Kids enjoy making their own volcanoes.

To start, create the shape of a volcano in sand or with clay. You can also use a cup or a bowl. Pour in some baking soda. Add vinegar. For extra excitement, add some food colouring. Then, stand back and enjoy the show.

The Science Behind the Fun:

Mixing baking soda and vinegar creates a gas called carbon dioxide - the same gas that makes soda fizzy. Carbon dioxide builds up and needs to escape so it pushes out the liquid in the big, bubbly explosion - just like lava bursting from a volcano.



Road Sign Math

Fun and simple math practice on the go!

Make car rides a learning adventure with road sign math. You could count how many different sign shapes you see, read aloud the numbers on signs, pick a target number and see if the sign numbers are greater or less than, and add up sign numbers to get closest to your target number. 🚗

