



#KeepKidsLearning

SUMMER LEARNING IDEAS AT HOME AND IN YOUR COMMUNITY

All kids need to keep learning over the summer. If they don't, they lose what they've learned during the school year, and those losses add up year after year. Following are some ways you can help your child learn during the summer months and send them back ready for the new school year.



Read at home every day.

Help your child pick books that interest him or her, set reading goals, and reward their efforts. Start a family book club.



Visit a library.

Libraries have more than just books. Your child can experience technology, create new things, and often get a healthy meal at some local libraries. Sign you and your child up for your library's free summer programs so you can explore and learn new skills together.



Keep a summer journal.

Have your child keep a journal about the books he or she enjoys, their favorite summer events or activities, and the new friends they've made.



Look for free or low-cost activities near you.

Take trips to your local museum, aquarium, zoo, park, or nature center. Encourage kids to write about their trip in their summer journal.



Plant a garden.

Start simple with a tomato container garden or fresh herbs grown on your kitchen window sill. It's a great way to encourage healthy eating with your child.



Use counting skills in daily activities or errands.

Baking a cake? Let your child help count out the ingredients or minutes to mix the batter. Turn a grocery trip into a math lesson. Use coupons and help your child determine the discount.



Volunteer together.

Volunteering builds life skills and compassion. Help spruce up a school or local park, collect supplies for a shelter, or serve food at a soup kitchen.



Be active.

Get outside with your child. Visit a park for a nature walk, ride bikes, or check out your community's parks and recreation programs that may offer many fun options.



Get creative.

Let your child's imagination soar. Turn everyday household items like cardboard tubes into rockets or old socks into hand puppets.

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SUMMER LEARNING WEEK

Summer Learning Week is a celebration dedicated to advocacy and awareness around the importance of keeping kids learning, safe, and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year ahead. Find an event or program near you at www.summerlearning.org!