

# Summer Learning Opportunities



We want parents to know that we feel it's very important for kids to read books over the summer. This helps them retain all the reading skills they've been practicing in earlier grades. They should also pick a book from the suggested reading list that is on our website and be ready to do a book report when they come back to school in the fall (depending on the grade level). 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, for example, has the children make a book report bookmark. Some of the students have used their bookmark all year to keep their place in whatever book they were reading in the classroom.

Of course, we know the most important thing for kids to do in the summer is relax and have fun with their families! They need some downtime to grow and get ready for the next school year.

## Here is a compiled list from K-5 teachers...

We place individual suggestions on report cards, as well as on the summer reading lists.

Focus on family experiences and conversations. (Family dinners, picnics, etc.)

If going on vacation, share map skills. Send a post card to family or friends.

Going out for ice cream or buying souvenirs, talk about what money is needed and change that is expected.

Continue reading and retelling stories. This could be in words or pictures.

Keep a journal. (Encourage children to use proper pencil grips and proper letter formations.)

Refer to the clock and times of different daily events. (Ex: It's 2:00, and we are going swimming at 3:00. How long before we can go?) Make up your own fun word problems.

Movies- discuss important events from the movie, the plot, etc. Was there a lesson in the movie? Discuss connections and favorite parts.

Take local day trips- museums, zoos, hikes.

Take advantage of story times at local libraries.

Read to your child and have them read to you.

Be involved with your child and their academics during the summer; don't make it such a chore!

Practice math facts.

Explore measurement: If you go fishing, ask how much the fish weighs or how long it is. Try out a new recipe and let your child help measure the ingredients.

Search parent-teacher stores or Barnes and Noble for summer workbooks if interested.

Everything you do can become a learning experience.

Have fun talking and playing together! 😊