

Parent Resource Newsletter

Three Ways to Prevent Summer Slide



Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the summer months. Try these strategies to help your reader improve his/her reading during the summer and beyond:

- 1. Six books to summer success:** Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your **local library**. Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities. Libraries often run summer reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what's available in your area. Also check our **book lists** for recommendations.
- 2. Read something every day:** Encourage your child to take advantage of every **opportunity** to read. Find them throughout the day:
 - **Morning:** The newspaper - even if it is just the comics or today's weather.
 - **Daytime:** Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. For example, if your daughter likes the food channel, help her look for a recipe on the network's Web site — then cook it together for more reading practice.
 - **Evening:** End the day by having your child read to you from the book he is currently reading (one of the six books, above). Have him rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help him be more fluent — able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression.
- 3. Keep reading aloud:** Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so she will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase her knowledge and expand her experience with text, so that she will do better when she reads on her own.

It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

Resource: Scholastics.com

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO Helping Your Child Succeed in School

Everyday Ways to Learn Math This Summer While Having Fun

Math is everywhere, and not just in the classroom. Summer is a great time to learn how math relates to the real world. It's more than just addition and subtraction worksheets—it's everywhere you look. Keep your child learning this summer with this fun way to find math in the everyday.



Lemonade Stand

A lemonade stand is the classic summertime activity for kids, and math is needed to keep it up and running! Younger kids can work on their measuring and money-counting by mixing the lemonade and making change for customers. Older kids can be in charge of setting the price by determining the cost per serving and setting a profit margin.

By using these math skills, your kids will have a successful business serving thirsty consumers all summer long!

Resource: by Lindsay Hutton; Read more on FamilyEducation: <http://school.familyeducation.com/summer-learning/math/70200.html> community classmates.

Did You Know ?



Summer's popularity can be found in the absence of school, long hot days, swimming pools, barbecues, and much more. After months of cold winter months and wet spring rains, summer time invites everyone to go outside and enjoy the weather.

Thinking of Summer Vacation?

The top 5 most popular **Summer Vacation Activities** in the United States are 1. shopping (54 %), 2. visiting historical sites (49 %), 3. swimming/water sports (49 %), 4. going to a park or national park (46 %), and 5. sightseeing tours (46 %).

Summer camps are also a popular destination for school age children, combining child care with structured outdoor activities.

No matter what your summer choice...we hope you enjoy it.

Ideas for Parents

Top 10 Ways to Have Fun with Your Kids this Summer

Summer is a great time to reconnect with your kids and create those lasting memories you'll cherish for a lifetime. Not sure what to do or where to get started? Try these fun activities.



- 1. Rate the Parks in Your Area.** Check out the free parks in your area. Together, map out the parks you plan to visit and create a system for ranking them. Then, create a schedule for visiting each park this summer. This is a great activity because it costs nothing and gives your child something to look forward to each week.
- 2. Read books together.** Kids of all ages *love* being read to! It's an activity that requires our attention and our time – two of the things our kids crave! Depending on your child's age and interests, you might pick a certain theme or author to focus on this summer. This is also a great way to get to know your child better and share one another's interests.
- 3. Take Regular Walks.** Or bike rides...or scooter rides...This is another great way to spend time together. It allows you to take in the scenery, set aside the concerns of the day, and be present with one another.
- 4. Play in the Water Together.** Whether you're playing in the sprinkler or your community pool, being in the water feels great. It reduces tension and provides a great opportunity to laugh and play together.
- 5. Visit a Museum Together.** At least once this summer, visit a local museum. Why? First, taking the time to visit a place of learning together demonstrates the value you place on education. And, second, it gives your child a wonderful opportunity to *tell you* what he or she knows about history and the arts!
- 6. Visit a Petting Zoo Together.** Most children enjoy visiting a petting zoo and touching the animals. It's a special activity for you to enjoy together because it gives your child an opportunity to "be brave" in your presence! Just remember to use the antibacterial hand gel or good old soap and water on your way out!
- 7. Share an Ice Cream Treat!** Summer is a great time to enjoy ice cream! Cool off together during those hot summer days.
- 8. Share Your Artistic Talents.** Art is a wonderful way to express our feelings and have fun at the same time. Whether you're simply drawing outdoors with sidewalk chalk or creating a family collage of your favorite things, or photographs of your summer activities; sharing yourself through art is a great way to deepen your relationship with your children.
- 9. Cook Together.** Cooking is a fun and simple way to spend time with one another. Whether you're making spaghetti sauce with fresh tomatoes or mixing up a box of brownies, time together in the kitchen is a collection of moments your child will recall fondly. It's time to talk, to share, and to simply *be* together.
- 10. Write to One Another.** Is there a time this summer when you'll be apart from one another? Maybe it's for a day or a month. In any case, use the opportunity to write a short letter to your child about how your time together means to you. Even a few short sentences will be a sacred treasure to your child!

Resource: By Jennifer Wolf, About.com Guide

This is our last Title I Connection newsletter for the 2016-2017 School Year.

We hope you enjoyed reading it as well as found it helpful. We also would like to wish you a Safe and Happy Summer. We are already looking forward to the start of the next school year.



The Title I Staff ☺

Kids' Corner

Mother's Day is a holiday celebrated annually as a tribute to all mothers and motherhood. It is celebrated on various dates in many parts of the world, however; in the United States, we celebrate it on May 14th, this year.

Honor your mother, step-mother, grandmother or aunt with a homemade card from the heart. Mothers are sure to flip for these kid-made cards.

Directions:

1. Fold a 9" x 12" sheet of construction paper in half lengthwise.
2. Write "Mother, May I..." at the top and draw a special picture for your mother below.
3. Then cut the top layer of the paper from the edge to the fold to make five equal-size flaps.
4. To complete the project, add a second sheet of paper folded underneath and write under each flap a different task that you could do to help your mother.
5. Invite Mom to open a different flap every day until all tasks are completed.



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