

Parent Resource Newsletter

Summer Literacy Challenge



For most parents, it's a challenge to keep kids reading and writing all summer. Suddenly 10 weeks of summer can feel like a very long time! Here is a summer literacy challenge for you and your child.

It's modest enough to be manageable — pick just one thing a week to kick start your week's literacy adventures. But it's also challenging enough to include a wide range of literacy fun for the whole family.

- **Investigate your public library's summer reading program.** Most libraries offer a special program or two during the summer and most are free of charge.
- **Extend your reading circle.** We often find ourselves checking out the same types of books over and over again. This week's challenge - bring a new type of book into the house. Consider fantasy, science fiction, historical fiction, poetry, biography, or an informational book.
- **Listen up!** Audiobooks are a great way to engage readers. It can introduce students to books above their reading level. Many libraries have audiobooks available for check out, or search the internet...one site found is Speakaboos.com, that offers free audio books for kids.
- **Go wordless.** Wordless picture books are told entirely through their illustrations — they are books without words, or sometimes just a few words. Grab a few wordless books the next time you're at the library and have fun "reading" different versions of the same story. The language and the conversation will inspire you!
- **Visit a museum, online!** You'll be surprised how much you can explore without leaving your house. One example is the Smithsonian Institution Kids site. It's complete with offerings from Art to Zoo, for kids & students of all ages.
- **Point, shoot, and write.** Most families have access to a digital camera, iPad or camera phone. Snap some photos and then encourage your child to write a silly caption for each photo or cut out pictures from a magazine or the newspaper and have your child write original captions for those.
- **Write it down.** Encourage your child to keep a simple journal or summer diary. Track interesting things like the number of fireflies seen in one minute or the different types of food that can go on the grill. Each entry is a chance to be creative!

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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 Family Education: <http://school.familyeducation.com/summer-learning/math/70200.html> community classmates.

Did You Know ?



What was the highest summer temperature ever recorded in the United States?

That would be a whopping 134 degrees Fahrenheit that sent the mercury soaring in Death Valley on July 10, 1913.

What does 'Dog Days of Summer' really mean ?

With many a popular expression, do you ever taken the time to think about what the phrase actually means? What do dogs have to do with it? And what the heck is a "dog day" anyway?!

The **Dog Days of Summer** refers to the weeks between July 3rd and August 11th. They are the hot, sultry days of summer and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation of Canis Major.

Ancient Romans and Greek astrologists blamed Sirius for the extreme temperatures, drought, sickness, and discomfort that came in late summer. Not actual dogs at all !

Ideas for Parents

Summer Learning, Side-by-Side

Summer is a fun season! It's full of interesting bugs, games, and activities...which may lead to lots of questions from your kids about the world around them. Tap into those interests. For example;

- How do fireflies light up?
- Where do all the thunderstorms come from?
- Who made the rules for baseball?
- Why does it stay light for so long?
- How do you make ice cream?
- Where do the colors in fireworks come from?

Summer is the perfect time to grab hold of one of your child's questions and start a journey of discovery together!

- **Make regular visits to the library** to find books, magazines, and movies on the topic your child is interested in. Look for related fiction as well as non-fiction.
- **Ask questions as you read together** or when your independent reader finishes a book. Ask your child to tell you something new or surprising he learned.
- **Check out the summer programming schedule** on your local public television station or educational shows on cable to see if there are shows related to your child's new interest.
- **Seek out free or inexpensive resources in your community:** parks and recreation center programs, a community garden or farmer's market, museums (many have kids-get-in-free days), and neighborhood interest groups like the Stargazers Club — or start your own interest group! Taking a field trip together and having a hands-on experience can really add to what you have been learning.
- **Keep a record of what you learn together** — it's a great way to engage young learners, provide writing practice, and help kids retain new knowledge. Start a journal, create a scrapbook, or send a handmade postcard to family or friends.
- Invite your child to **talk with family and friends about her new interest.** Maybe your child never knew that grandpa collects rocks, too, and has a wonderful collection and stories to share. Encouraging kids to share with others gives them a chance to have some fun taking on the role as teacher!

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This is our last Title I Connection newsletter for the 2017-2018 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. Thanks for all your hard work this year. We are already looking forward to the start of the next school year.



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Kids' Corner

Summer Craft – An Upcycled, Fun to Make, Wind Chime

1. Rummage through recycling bins to find **tin cans in various shapes and sizes, including some lids.**
2. Tape around the rims of the cans with **duct tape** to prevent any cuts.
3. Using a **paintbrush**, paint the outside of the tin cans with washable **tempera paint.**
4. **Glitter** can be added to the paint, or shake glitter on the tin cans when the paint is still wet.
5. After paint dries, punch holes in the bottom of the tin cans using a **hammer and nail.**
6. String long pieces of **colorful yarn or string** through the holes and tie two **washers** onto the end of the string, inside the tin cans. One washer is used to hold the yarn in place; the other is placed at the end of the string to make a lovely clanking sound when it hits the tin can.
7. Once you've tied your washers to the wind chimes, test out the noise it makes! You will notice right away different size washers make different noises. Different size tin cans make different noises, too!
8. Hang up the tin cans so that they overlap each other.
9. Let the wind do its thing and enjoy the wonderful clanking of your homemade wind chimes!



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