

Summer Fun List

1. Local library - Summer reading programs and free activity items to check out (games, outdoor activities, indoor activities, etc.)
2. Buy used books at yard sales, Goodwill, etc. Have students read and trade the books with friends to start a book exchange. There are free books at lending libraries in front of schools and other businesses around the community.
3. Read anything they enjoy for 20-30 minutes daily (comics, graphic novels, joke books). Read to them or with them to add to the experience and value of reading.
4. Online sources to read ABCYA.com, magickeys.com, gutenber.org, <https://storylineonline.net/>, <https://www.storynory.com/>, <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>, <https://www.starfall.com/h/>, etc.
5. Create/write their own stories or stories with family and add to them daily.
6. Playing word games like Scrabble, Banagrams, Scrabble Slam, Quiddler Junior, Apples to Apples Junior, and Hedbanz to help build vocabulary and critical thinking skills.
7. Write a journal/book that details things the child is doing over the summer adventures (trips, animals they care for, made-up stories, write a trip schedule, etc.)
8. Write stories based on their favorite TV/movie/book characters, etc.
9. Research your favorite animals and tell someone about your research. The information can be from a book or online, such as "10 cool facts about horses."
10. Write or give a review about a movie/book/TV show, etc.
11. Math games such as Math Dice Junior, Monopoly Junior, ICECOOL, Pizza Fraction Fun, etc.
12. Card games like Phase 10, Skip-Bo, War, Go Fish, UNO, etc.
13. Real World Math
 - a. Grocery store, find the cheaper item, price per pound, etc.
 - b. At restaurants, what is the most expensive thing on the menu, the cheapest, which has the most ingredients, which has the least, etc.
 - c. Given money to buy snacks how to make the most of their money.
 - d. Keep a change jar and count it out each week
 - e. Measuring ingredients while cooking or baking
 - f. Play online math games, CoolMath4kids, Splash Math, etc.
 - g. If they have pets, track how much they eat or drink with a simple spreadsheet.
14. Start a real or pretend business lemonade stand, pet grooming/walking, gaming empire, etc.
15. Listen to a podcast together.
16. Take music lessons in person or online

17. Create musical instruments out of recyclable items
18. Memorize funny jokes to tell people.
19. Write poetry or Jokes.
20. Practice typing with online games such as ABCYA.com, Freetyping games.net, etc.
21. Check local learning centers for classes (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Scouts, art clubs, science clubs, etc)
22. Use random craft items to create something cool (pretend animals, people, furniture for the people, castles, dragons, etc.)
23. Get jigsaw puzzles from the Dollar Store, Garage Sales or the library. See how long it takes to put one together. You can also do free puzzles online!
<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/>
24. Use junkmail or catalogs to cut out pictures to make a book or collage.
25. Check out lc.edu and look into the College for kids summer classes.
26. Take advantage of the Kids Bowl Free programs at bowling alleys. Kids up to 18 years old bowl for free in the summer. Practice keeping score!
<https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/>
27. Practice gross motor skills by having family relay races.
28. Bounce a tennis ball with a racquet, or without. Count how many times you can do it without dropping it or it getting away from you.
29. Practice rounding numbers that you come across (i.e. there's a 45 on the sign, is that closer to 40 or 50?).
30. Use estimating when talking about money you are using (i.e. this fruit costs \$2 and this pasta costs \$3, about how much are we spending?).
31. Use a tape measure to measure each room in your house. Practice finding the area (Length x Width) and perimeter (add up each side).