








# Learning Fun in the Summer Sun

Calvert County Public Schools Suggested Summer Learning Activities for Families

**JUNE – Grades K & 1**

**HAPPY SUMMER, CCPS FAMILIES!** Summertime is the perfect time to explore the world around us. After all, school is not the only place where we can learn. Look around, learning opportunities are everywhere! To spark a few ideas, we've included 40 activities across a wide range of subjects. Perhaps you'll enjoy a book under a shade tree, look up the strange bug in your garden, look for math patterns in a favorite song, or organize a fun water obstacle course. Choose a few activities each week that seem interesting and fun! Perhaps keep a journal or notebook to keep track of your activities. Visit [calvertnet.k12.md.us/SummerLearning](http://calvertnet.k12.md.us/SummerLearning) each month for a new menu of activities.

<b>SINGIN' A SONG</b> Sing your favorite song. Sing it again slow and singing it fast.	<b>Word game!</b> Summer days are the longest days of the year. List the longest words you know.	Think of an activity you do every day, like brushing your teeth or tying your shoes. Use the words first, next, and finally to describe each step in the process.	<b>Be a Champion for Earth!</b> Create a poster to encourage your family to take actions to take care of our planet.	<b>NATURE ART</b> Create a picture using found objects in nature such as leaves, sticks or rocks.
<b>Animal Imitation</b> Choose an animal. Pretend to move like that animal. Have someone guess what animal you are pretending to be (ideas: crab, elephant, snake, butterfly...)	 <b>Celebrate Summer</b> Make a Summer Berry Pie. Don't forget to write a grocery list.	 <b>Symmetry</b> Draw the other half of the insect images since the other side is mirror image of the half showing.	<b>NUMBER LINE HOP</b> Draw a blank number line on the sidewalk 0-10. Write the numbers on the number line. If you stand on 7, how many hops are needed to get to 10. Try it. Were you right?	Encourage your child to read this summer by creating BINGO reading sheets. Create a BINGO sheet, writing a different reading goal on each of the spots: finish a book, read for 15 minutes, read a book out loud to someone.
 Draw a picture postcard of an imaginary place. On the back, write a message. Mail it to a friend or relative or put it in your scrapbook.	Gather up some plastic letters and chalk and write out words and match the plastic letters for each. Fill up a kiddie pool and challenge your child to fish out the letters with a net to add some extra fun!	<b>NATURE WALK</b> Go outside for a walk. Name 5 things you can see. 4 things you can touch. 3 things you can hear. 2 things you can smell. 1 thing you can taste. Describe how you feel!	 Do something to help birds in your backyard. Create a watering spot or simple feeder.	<b>Draw Your Community:</b> Draw your home and the places around it – like a park, store, or school.

 <p>Make a chart to keep track of all the books you read this summer.</p>	<p>Cut out pictures from an old magazine or catalog. Write a story about them.</p>	<p><b>Make a Book Nook</b> Set up your own reading nook. Use a tent, comfortable pillows, a few blankets, etc. Read or listen to books every day!</p>	<p><b>Water Balloon Targets</b> Attach the numbers 20, 9, and 12 to three baskets or inside of 3 hula hoops. Use a Sharpie to write equations that equal 20, 9, or 12 on balloons. Fill the balloons with water. Toss balloons to the match.</p>	<p><b>BEAN BAG TOSS:</b> Draw 5 targets on the sidewalk. Put the numbers 1-5 in the targets. Pick a total sum (randomly pick the number 7, for example). Toss the bean bags to get a total of exactly 7. How many ways can you make a sum of 7?</p>
<p><b>Be a Chef!</b> Find a recipe from a different country and cook it with your family.</p>	<p><b>Fishy Fishy</b> Create your own fish! Give it a name and design its environment.</p>	<p><b>Word game!</b> How many smaller words can you find in the word <i>watermelon</i>?</p>	<p><b>Family Folklore:</b> Ask an older family member to share a family story or tradition.</p>	<p><b>BOOK ART</b> Draw the character from your favorite book.</p>
<p>Magnets – You probably have some magnets on your refrigerator holding up notes or pictures. They stick to your refrigerator but will they stick to anything else in your house? Why? What do you think?</p>	<p><b>Sidewalk Tightrope Walk</b> Draw a line with a piece of chalk on the sidewalk. Pretend it is a tightrope. See if you can walk on the line without “falling off”. Try to keep your balance!</p>	<p><b>Change it up:</b> Start collecting change in a jar on the first day of summer. On the last day, estimate your change, count it, and plan a special purchase.</p>	 <p>Create a marble or ping pong ball run using a paper towel tube, paper plates and tape.</p>	 <p><b>Math Learning Games</b> Is your child already using the computer to play games this summer. Why not play some math games on our i-Ready Learning Games site?</p>
<p><b>MINDFUL MINUTE</b> Challenge yourself to sit quietly for one full minute. Close your eyes and think of something that is calming.</p>	<p><b>Sound Scavenger Hunt</b> Go on a sound scavenger hunt. Pick a letter and say the sound it makes. Look for objects that begin with that sound. Keep track by making a list or taking photos.</p>	<p><b>Looking for TEN</b> Let’s look for groups of ten. Can you find ten yellow flowers? Can you spot ten birds? Can you gather ten smooth stones?</p>	<p><b>LOUD AND SOFT</b> Find items that makes a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loud sound</li> <li>• Soft Sound</li> </ul> <p>Use your items to tell a story.</p>	<p><b>Make a Card!</b> Make a card for Father’s Day or for someone special using pictures and words. <b>Challenge:</b> Write an acrostic poem on the front using FATHER or the person’s name.</p>
<p>Pretend to be logs of wood and, with arms stretched over head, roll around the grass. Then move hands to the sides and roll around.</p>	<p><b>Drawing Shadows</b> Find a place that gets sun for at least half of the day. Put two toys on a piece of paper and draw their shadows in the morning, around lunchtime, and in the late afternoon. Don’t move the toys. What happens with their shadows?</p>	 <p>Collect shells at the beach or rocks along a trail. Use a nature guide to identify them</p>	<p><b>TIME IT!</b> Pick an activity and time yourself doing it. Can you beat your best time? Swim across the pool, run to the mailbox, hop on one foot... get creative!</p>	<p><b>Map Your Money:</b> Find 3-5 goods in your home. Read the label to see where they were made. Print out a world map and label where the goods you use come from.</p>