









Learning Fun in the Summer Sun

Calvert County Public Schools Suggested Summer Learning Activities for Families

JUNE – Grades 2 & 3

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 each month for a new menu of activities.

RECYCLED MUSIC Design and create an instrument using recycled materials such as water bottles or paper towel rolls.	Keep in touch! Write a letter to a friend or relative and mail it. Let them know you are thinking about them. What can you say that will make them smile?	Animal Research Research an animal you want to learn more about. Draw a picture of the animal and where it lives. Then, list five new facts you learned.	Show Gratitude: Write thank you notes for Covid-19 front line workers like people who work in grocery stores, police officers, mail carriers, and delivery workers.	ENJOY A BOOK PICNIC: Plan a family 'booknic' at your favorite outdoor spot, such as the beach, a park, or the woods. Pack lunch and plenty to read.
Family Photo Album: Look through a family photo album. Write captions for your favorite photos to capture the family story.	Write yourself a love letter. Write down all the things you're proud of yourself for doing right now while you are home from school, and all the things that are special about you.	NATURE ART Create a picture using found objects in nature such as leaves, sticks or rocks.	BOOK DRAW DRAW THE CHARACTER FROM YOUR FAVORITE BOOK.	Swap books with a friend. Keep sharing books throughout summer.
Visit your nearest convenience center - what's going on with trash and recycling? Is there something your family can bring there that they didn't know about?	<u>Set up your own obstacle course</u> in the garden and get those large muscles working.	Invent a recipe for a cool summer drink. Write it on a recipe card. Serve the drink to your friends or family.	Write down on your calendar the time the sun sets every Sunday for the entire summer. What do you notice about the time?	BUILD IT! DRAW IT! Use Legos or blocks to create a structure. Draw a picture of your building.
 Energy Place a small ball on top of a large ball and drop them together. Watch how energy is transferred.	LOOSE CHANGE HUNT Let's go on a loose change scavenger hunt. Look for change on the floor of the car, in the seat cushions, on the sidewalk. Sort the coins. Calculate the total.	 See, Think, Wonder: Go to Britannica Image Quest (UN: calvertcty PW: access). See, Think, Wonder!	MAKE IT YOUR SONG Sing your favorite song. Sing it again but make creative one changes such as tempo (speed) or dynamics (volume).	Does someone in your household have a smartphone or another way to track distances walked. Set a goal for the week and try to walk that far over the course of 7 days.

<p>Water Balloon Sums</p> <p>Use a Sharpie to mark water balloons with numbers 0-20. Partner A tosses the balloon. Partner B catches the balloon and places it in the basket if it did not break. Teams add up the points of the unbroken balloons.</p>	<p>Lie on your back in your yard and cloud watch for 15 minutes. What can you see? Write down everything you see and turn it into a story. Use your imagination and be descriptive! Share your story with a family member or friend.</p>	<p>Storytime: Record yourself reading a short book. Practice first to make your voice sound natural as you read. Share your recording with a younger friend or family member.</p>	 <p>Extreme Weather</p> <p>Is there any extreme weather going on right now in the world? What kind of extreme weather should we prepare for in Maryland?</p>	<p>Map Your Money:</p> <p>Find 3-5 goods in your home. Read the label to see where they were made. Print out a world map and color and label where the goods you use come from.</p>
<p>Bean Bag Targets</p> <p>Draw 3 circles with chalk on the sidewalk. Label each circle "Hundreds" "Tens" "Ones". Toss 5 bean bags (or pebbles) into the circles. Bags in the hundreds count as 100 each. Bags in the tens count as 10 each. Bags in the ones count as 1 each. Who can score the highest points?</p>	 <p>Math Learning Games</p> <p>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>PHOTO HIKE: Take a hike with your family. Have someone take photos of interesting things you find along the way. Research to find out more about the things in your photos.</p>	<p>SCAVENGER HUNT HIKE</p> <p>Create a list of things to look for during a hike. Make the list based on where you are hiking: (i.e., if it's on a park trail, look for things like a green insect, a leaf larger than your hand, etc.)</p>	<p>Brainstorm a list of ways you can be generous. Choose one and devise a plan to carry out a Random Act of Kindness. Reflect on how the Random Act of Kindness made you feel.</p>
<p>MINDFUL MOMENT</p> <p>See if you can sit perfectly quiet for 3 minutes. During the 3 minutes, try to relax your body and your mind. Breathe in deeply, hold it for about 2 seconds then exhale.</p>	<p>World Traveler</p> <p>Read about another part of the world. Create a travel brochure with facts and information, including interesting sights, fun activities, and delicious foods.</p>	 <p>Sea Turtles</p> <p>Learn more about one or more sea turtles. How could you share what you learned with someone else? What would you want them to know?</p>	<p>I Spy: Math Edition</p> <p>Look around. What number do you see? Say, "I spy 427". Show your partner where you see a 427. Your partner looks around to find a number Greater Than 427. Continue trying to find a greater number on each turn.</p>	<p>Be A Book Reporter</p> <p>Interview friends and family members about their favorite books. Ask them to tell you what the book is about and what they like about it.</p>
<p>WATER RELAY</p> <p>With friends or family, race to see who can fill their bucket the fastest by scooping cups of water and running to dump the water in your bucket.</p>	 <p>Create a mixture with things you can find in your kitchen to blow up a balloon.</p>	<p>TIME IT! 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>Start a round-robin story. Write the beginning, then ask friends and family to add to it until it has an ending. Read it together.</p>	<p>Family Folklore:</p> <p>Ask an older family member to share a family story or tradition.</p>