



Summer Learning Activities for Rising Kindergarten Students

Dear (Almost) Kindergarteners and Families,

Summertime is an opportunity to play in the water, climb trees, snuggle in bed with books, and explore God's world! We hope this list of summer learning activities helps you keep the love of learning alive this summer. As always, keep your learning projects joyful, active and meaningful. Have fun learning and exploring together! We wish you a fantastic summer!

Love,

Your Preschool Teachers

MATH

- **Math graphing**
 - Record and graph either daily weather, temperature highs and lows, the growth of a plant, or the amount of rainfall.
- **Math hike**
 - Take a math hike and look for different geometric shapes. Record the shapes in a notebook and/or make tally marks to see which shape you see the most.
- **Qwirkle**
 - Play the game [Qwirkle](#) to look for attributes and patterns.
- **Dice games:**
 - Add It Up (2 players): Each player rolls a dice at the same time. The first person to find the sum of both dice earns a point. The first to 10 points wins!
 - Make Me! (1+ players): Roll two dice. Use one as the tens digit and the other as the ones. Write down as many number sentences as you can to make the rolled number.
- **Play “Make 10”**
 - Fluently knowing pairs of numbers that add up to 10 will help your child. Find a number less than 10, and then have your child find the number that can be added to it to make 10. For example, you might see the number “3” on a billboard and say, “I see the number 3. What other number would we need to make 10?” (seven) “Let’s look for the number 7!” Try this with numbers that add up to 20, 30, etc.

LITERACY/WRITING

- **Daily reading**
 - Continue your daily 20 minutes of reading. Set a goal at the beginning of each month and see how many minutes you can read throughout July and August.
- **Journal**
 - Have your child draw and write about your days or any adventures or trips you take.
 - Keep a journal of all the books you and your family read together. Draw a picture of your favorite character and write about why you like it.
- **Library book clubs**
 - Check out your local King County Library branch for details regarding summer reading challenges!
 - Participate in the Bear Creek Libraries' Summer Reading Program by completing the Checklist Challenge to earn a free dress day in the fall.
- **Write letters**
 - Write “thank you” notes and “I love you” cards and mail them to your family and friends.

- **Cozy reading nook**
 - Find a cozy reading nook somewhere in your home. Enjoy reading and rereading some favorite books there every day.
- **Maze books**
 - Use maze books to help your child practice their pencil grip.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

- **Maintain routine**
 - Encourage your child to maintain healthy routines in the morning and upon bedtime, but also throughout the day such as cleaning up after playtime, meals, etc.
- **Taking turns**
 - Play games and offer opportunities for your child to practice taking turns with a family member or friend.
- **Identify emotions**
 - While reading books or watching movies, discuss different emotions that you come across and offer a space to answer your child's questions.
- **Go to playdates** hosted by grade level parent reps this summer
- **Help your child learn a new skill** like bike riding, swimming, tying their shoes, etc.

BIBLE AND CROSS-CURRICULAR IDEAS

- **Read your Bible** to your siblings or parents.
- **Clean out your old toys and clothes** and donate the things you no longer use to someone else that could use them. Acts 2:45 says, "Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need."
- **Help plant a garden.** Pull weeds and watch the plants grow. Write about your observations in a garden journal. Read Jesus' parable about the mustard seed (Matt. 13:24).
- **Sleep outside under the stars.** Recite star poems and sing *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*.
- **Ask grandparents to tell you stories** about what they did during summers when they were children.
- **Draw pictures on the sidewalk.** Have a picture taken of you and your chalk creation.
- Ask your family to take pictures of the activities you do this summer. **Make a special book with photos** and write captions to explain what's happening in each picture.
- **Help make a salad or dessert!**
- **Put on a puppet show** for your family or the neighborhood children — and parents.
- **Blow bubbles.** Watch them float and pop. Count how many you make!
- **Sing family songs.** Create a family songbook to read and sing from.
- **Eat ice cream.** Try new flavors. Which is your favorite and why?

- **Keep track of all the birds you see in your backyard** or the neighborhood. Talk to your parents about them and learn some different bird calls. Check out a bird book from the library.
- **Take a “flower walk.”** Draw pictures of flowers that you notice and label their parts (roots, stem, leaves and petals). See if an adult friend can help you name them and label your pictures – this could even become a book!
- **Play ball-catching games.** Learn to kick, bounce, and throw many kinds of balls.
- Jump rope, skip, sing and **dance every day** – or at least every other day.
- **Clean out your bedroom and find old toys and clothes to donate** to a homeless shelter.
- Help your family **create an art and writing center** for you.
- **See how many different fruits and vegetables you can eat** over the summer. Learn about the nutrients they provide. Make a list!
- **Help your family make a grocery list.** Go shopping and check off each item as you find them.
- Read joke books. **Tell jokes to your family and friends.**
- **Take walks and look at the stars.** Which constellations can you find: Orion? The Big Dipper?
- **Write a message to your Mom or Dad every day.** They might write you back!