



# Kindergarten Summer Literacy Activities

## What are essential beginning literacy skills?

Letter Naming – The ability to quickly recognize and name uppercase and lower case letters

Phonological Awareness – The ability to manipulate the sounds of spoken words

Phonics – Knowing all the sounds of the letters of the alphabet

Decoding – The ability to read new words by sounding them out and blending them back together to form real words

### Literacy Activities

#### Letter Naming

- Practice with flash cards.
- Match up upper case and lower case letters.

#### Phonological Awareness

- Play rhyming games. Say two words that rhyme (e.g. bat, hat) and ask your child to say a word that rhymes with your words.
- Take turns thinking of two words that begin with the same sound (e.g. man, mop; duck, dog; fat, furry).
- Play the "say it fast" game. Say a word, one sound at a time and have your child say the word at a normal rate. For example, you say each sound in the word bat, "/b/ /a/ /t/." Then your child says the word at the normal speed, "bat."

#### Phonics

- Make a list of CVC words and have your child practice sounding them out and blending them back together to form real words. (e.g. mat, fan, bet, pen, hid, pot, cod, hut)
- Write two sets of CVC words on flash cards. Play memory!

#### Book Reading

- Schedule at least 20 minutes a day for reading.
- Picture Walk – Before Reading, guide your child in making predictions as he/she looks at each picture.
- Talk about interesting and new words while reading.
- Model Fluent Reading – Bring your energy and excitement to books as you read them aloud!
- After reading, talk about what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story.

### Online Resources

Sign your child up for the **Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge!**  
<http://www.scholastic.com/summer/>

**Read On Arizona** is offering a free digital library for children all summer! This is a great opportunity to access new books without leaving your home! <http://readonarizona.org/>

**Your child can visit the free sites below to practice literacy skills over summer break!**

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

<http://pbskids.org/>

<http://www.lil-fingers.com/>  
(select storybooks)

Scholastic Interactive Storybook  
<http://mbcurl.me/E2P1>

