






Learning Fun in the Summer Sun August Grades 2 & 3



Calvert County Public Schools Suggested Summer Learning Activities for Families

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 activities across a wide range of subjects. Perhaps you'll enjoy a book under a shade tree, notice the stars in the evening sky, look up the strange bug in your garden, look for math patterns in a favorite song, or organize a fun water obstacle course. Feel free to pick and choose a few activities each week that seem interesting and fun! Consider keeping a journal or notebook to keep track of your activities. *Look for a new Learning Fun grid each month on the CCPS website. Visit calvertnet.k12.md.us/SummerLearning*

<p>Have you seen a RAINBOW this summer? Write to tell what you would like to find at the end. A pot of gold? A new pet? Your best friend?</p>	<p><u>Managing Emotions</u> Write in a journal or talk to a loved one about what you can do when you feel overwhelmed or anxious.</p>	<p>Save Your Spot Design a bookmark and write a positive message about reading.</p>	<p>Design a new instrument. Use materials found around your house or draw your new instrument. How is it like instruments you know and how is it different? What does your new instrument sound like?</p>	<p><u>Mealtime</u> Sit down and have a meal with your family media and device free!</p>
<p><u>Dance Break</u> Put on your favorite song and dance to the music.</p>	<p>Be an Illustrator Draw a different ending to a book that you are reading.</p>	<p><u>Tension Release</u> Make tight fists and squeeze your arms for 20 seconds then release and shake it out. What do you feel? What do you notice?</p>	<p>Make a list of as many action verbs as you can. Spend a day "doing" your list. Stretch, bend, twist, jump, walk, eat, hop, bake, etc.</p>	<p>Be a Helpful Neighbor: Lend a helping hand to a neighbor. Maybe they need their car washed or their yard raked. Go with a trusted adult to lend a helping hand.</p>

<p>Play "Where am I?" with a friend. Using a map of the United States, first name a state where the friend is to start. Once the friend has found that state, then give directions so the friend can guess where you are. For example, I start in Maryland and go three states south, where am I? If I go one state west and two states north, where am I?</p>	<p>Host an art gallery! Draw 5 masterpieces using shapes and geometry, fractions, and pictographs. Write captions for each "math-terpiece" describing the math you used. Assign each a price: \$3, \$5, \$8, \$10, or \$12. (Use each once.) Invite someone to your gallery. To help this person spend responsibly, give a \$20-dollar budget. How much money does this person spend? Write a receipt that shows the total. How much money do they have left? Could they buy more?</p>	 <p>Learn about ways to help monarch butterflies in your own backyard.</p>	<p>Can you make bubbles that are shaped like a cube? Check out THIS RESOURCE to learn more about having mathematical fun with soap bubbles.</p> 	<p>Have you ever made a mistake? Believe it or not, making mistakes is a very important part of learning. When you make a mistake, you have the unique opportunity to learn and grow from that mistake. Think back on the school year and identify two mistakes that you made. What did you learn from these mistakes? How would you do things differently now? Share what you learned with an adult</p>
<p>Somewhere Over the Rainbow</p> <p>With the help of ROY G BIV, make a rainbow using the spines of your books.</p>	<p>Super Hero</p> <p>Design a cape for a new Super Hero. Think about what superpower he/she will have. Come up with a catchphrase or song!</p>	<p>Quiet Listening</p> <p>Find a space where you can sit uninterrupted for 3 minutes and write everything you can hear.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did you hear anything that you hadn't noticed before? 2. Which sounds were they? 3. Is this music? Why or why not? 	<p>Draw a treasure map.</p> <p>Include the start, path and obstacles along the way to X Marks the Spot where the treasure can be found.</p>	<p>Design a Bug Jar</p> <p>Draw a large jar with a lid on your paper, enough to draw several bugs. Use what you know about bugs to draw different bugs using basic outlines with a pencil. You use markers or crayons to color in the bugs.</p>
<p>Ready, Set, Action!</p> <p>Dress up as your favorite character from a book and act out parts of the story in front of an audience.</p>	 <p>Find something you were going to recycle or throw away and instead figure out a way to reuse it.</p>	<p>Take a measuring walk. Carry a measuring tape on your next walk. Find 10 things to measure while on your walk. Record your findings. Discuss the difference between the tallest and smallest item found.</p>	<p>Outside Music Stations</p> <p>Station ideas- hula hoop while singing the Alphabet song, march around your house while singing Yankee Doodle, or sing My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean while sitting down in a lawn chair stand up on every 'B' word. Have fun, creating your own stations as well!</p>	<p>High Jump</p> <p>Jump up as high as you can 5 times. How high did you get?</p>

 <p>Make Your Community Famous: Make your own post card. Visit the Smithsonian’s National Postal Museum.</p>	 <p>Watch a monarch butterfly go through metamorphosis and/or learn more about other insect lifecycles.</p>	<p>Observe plants in a shady area outside in your community. Also, observe plants in a sunny area outside. Make notes about the environmental conditions and type of soil, and the types of plants in those areas you observed. Predict the kinds of plants you would find in shady vs sunny areas. Test your predictions in new areas.</p>	<p><u>Mindful Minute</u></p> <p>Sit quietly. Use senses to notice as much as you can about your surroundings. Listen, observe, breathe, and feel.</p>	<p>Draw Your Food</p> <p>Find any food in your home-fruit, cereal boxes, bags of chips, etc. and try to draw exactly what you see! Do you think your drawing looks realistic like a photograph or more cartoony like an illustration?</p>
<p>Be a Family Helper: Do something helpful around the house without being asked.</p>	<p><u>Dribble, Dribble, Shoot!</u></p> <p>Dribble a ball with your hands or feet 5 times before shooting at a target. Practice both sides!</p>	<p>Create a dance for your favorite song.</p>	<p>Be a Chef! Find a recipe from a different country and cook it with your family.</p>	<p>Sunny Day Fun</p> <p>Find your favorite spot outside and read a book.</p>
<p><u>Mindful Breathing</u></p> <p>Inhale through nose for 4 counts, hold for 8, exhale for 8. Repeat.</p>	<p>Got an old bathroom scale lying around? Use it to fill buckets and weigh them. Predict how much the bucket will weigh if it is only filled half-way.</p>	<p>Invent Your Own Sport</p> <p>Create a How To Book to explain all information needed to play. Think about the rules, equipment, uniform, steps to play, number of teams or players needed.</p>	<p><u>Have a Catch!</u></p> <p>Play catch with a friend or relative using the overhand throw.</p>	<p>Collect A LOT of objects. Without counting, estimate how many. Arrange the items into groups to make them easy to count (maybe groups of 5 or 10). Count the total. How close was your estimate?</p>