






# Learning Fun in the Summer Sun July 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](http://calvertnet.k12.md.us/SummerLearning)*

<p><b>Family Folklore:</b> Ask an older family member to share a family story or tradition.</p>	<p>Create a bumper sticker that your principal or teacher could put on his/her car. Try to include your school mascot and a positive slogan.</p>	<p><b>Game Time</b> Read aloud the directions to a board game and then play it. Give it a 1-5-star rating and explain why.</p>	<p><b>Timbre Story</b> Timbre is the quality of the sound that distinguishes one sound from another. Using a favorite book, choose sounds for the characters, events, or other story elements. Find items around you that would create a timbre that would match. Read the book and perform the sounds to create the book's "soundtrack."</p>	<p><b><u>Belly Breath</u></b> While lying in bed, place your hands on your stomach, and pay attention to the up and down of your belly as you breathe.</p>
<p><b>See, Think, Wonder:</b> Go to Britannica Image Quest Username: <b>calvertcty</b> Password: <b>access</b></p> 	<p>Interview your family and friends and ask each one who they think is the most important person in history. Draw a chart with four columns, and record (1) the name of the person you asked (2) the person in history they named (3) what the person did that was important, (4) why it was important?</p>	<p><b>THUNDERSTORM MATH</b> After you see a flash of lightning, count the number of seconds until you hear the thunder. <b>Divide the seconds by 5.</b> That's how far away the lightning was.</p>	<p>Which soil is best for growing plants? Let's find seeds and soil and create an experiment!</p> 	<p><b>RECIPE for BUBBLES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 cups of water</li> <li>• 1 cup of dish soap (try not to let foam form while you stir)</li> <li>• 1 tablespoon of glycerin -or- 1/4 cup of corn syrup</li> </ul> <p>Let's blow bubbles! While blowing bubbles, focus on taking deep, slow breaths and exhaling slowly to fill each bubble. Explore the bubbles. Relax, breathe slowly, and watch the bubbles float away. Imagine yourself riding on the bubbles as they float. Draw and color a picture of yourself and the bubbles.</p>

<p><b>Scrapbook Story</b></p> <p>Make a scrapbook using old magazines, pictures, or drawings and write captions to go with the pictures.</p>	<p><b>Be a Chef!</b> Find a recipe from a different country and cook it with your family.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dance Break</u></p> <p>Put on your favorite song and dance to the music.</p>	<p><b>Create an animal or insect</b></p> <p>Go for a walk and collect items from nature. Arrange your items to create an animal/insect. You can glue them to a piece of paper or arrange them outside.</p>	<p><b>Favorite Song</b></p> <p>Listen to your favorite song and identify instruments, tempo (speed), dynamics (volume). How would the song be different if those elements changed?</p>
<p><b>Create a Robot</b></p> <p>Make a robot with recycled materials.</p>	 <p>Create your own fossil. Will you select a toy, something found outside, your footprints or...?</p>	<p><b>“Make” your favorite meal!</b></p> <p>On a piece of paper draw a plate. Cut out images from magazines, advertisements, coupons, or draw your own food. Glue or tape them on the plate. Decorate the paper around your plate as a placemat using patterns and shapes.</p>	<p><b>Tic-Tac-Toe: Nature Edition</b></p> <p>Use a stick to draw a tic-tac-toe board in the dirt or sand. Collect 2 sets of items with 5 items in each set. A collection could be rocks, shells, leaves, etc. Play tic-tac-toe using the collected items.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plank Challenge</u></p> <p>How long can you hold a full plank?</p>
 <p>Make a toy boat that will move through the water. Use the QR code for a pattern. You need cardboard, duct tape and a rubber band.</p>	<p><b>Found Sound Music</b></p> <p>Using items from around the house, create your own music. Can you change your music to make it fast and slow? Loud and soft? If you change the “instrument”, does it change the way the music sounds?</p>	 <p>Start a compost pile for your fruit, vegetables, and yard waste.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lend a Helping Hand</u></p> <p>Help a friend or family member complete a task. How does it feel to help others?</p>	<p><b>Neighborhood Helper: Go</b></p> <p>with an adult to do a neighborhood litter pick-up. Don't forget to wear gloves!</p>
<p><b>You Be the Illustrator</b></p> <p>Create a new book cover for your favorite book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARTY</b> Planner</p> <p>Plan an <b>awesome</b> party for a friend or relative. Draw or write the answers to these questions.</p> <p>What snacks will you have? What music will you play? How will you decorate?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Target Practice</u></p> <p>Kick a stationary ball at a target. Practice with both feet. Practice solo or kick a ball back and forth with a partner.</p>	<p><b>Symmetry</b> is when one half of an object is like the other half – think about the wings of a butterfly. <b>Make a list of 25 things</b> you see outside with symmetry. Draw a sketch of the objects you found.</p>	<p>Design a <b>FLAG</b> that represents you!</p> <p>Think about the colors, shapes, and designs you would use.</p>

<p><b>Adjectives From A-Z</b> Can you create a list of adjectives and nouns using the alphabet? For example: <b>awesome avocado</b> <b>bouncy ball</b> <b>cuddly cat</b></p>	<p><u><b>Toss &amp; Catch</b></u> Toss a ball up in the air and catch it as many times as you can without dropping it.</p>	<p>Got a Pen Pal? Write one letter a week to share and check in with them. No pen pal? Write a letter to a relative or friend you have not seen in a while.</p>	<p><b>A &amp; B Dance</b> Find a piece of music that has 2 sections (an A and B section). Create different dance moves for each section.</p>	<p><b>You've Got Mail</b> Send postcards, letters, or notes to relatives about how you are enjoying the summer.</p>
<p>Pretend to be a news reporter and write a newspaper article or a script for television news sharing what you have noticed about state or local events. Practice interviewing your family members. Be as creative as your heart desires!</p>	<p><u><b>Nature Walk</b></u> Go for a walk outside. What do you notice? What do you hear? What do you see? What do you feel?</p>	<p><u><b>Mindful Minute</b></u> Sit quietly. Use senses to notice as much as you can about your surroundings. Listen, observe, breathe, and feel.</p>	<p>Everyone is special! There are different things that make someone special. Spend time thinking about what makes you special. What are your favorite things about yourself? Write a 5-7-line poem describing what makes you special. Begin with, "I am special because..."</p>	<p><b>Still Life</b> Set up a still life with objects that are important to you. Make a drawing of it.</p>