

BUILDING PARENT CAPACITY IV: SUMMER LEARNING TIPS

<p>READ DAILY Take your kids to the library often and let them choose which books to check out. Listen to books on tape. Subscribe them to a magazine. Take turns reading to each other. Allow your kids to stay up half an hour later at night as long as they're reading.</p>	<p>USE MATH DAILY Practice the multiplication tables by making each point in a basketball game worth 7 points (or 8 or 9). Ask your kids to make change at the drive-thru. Show your child how to go to the Cool Math website to play math games. Make up math word problems in the car and at the dinner table.</p>
<p>GET OUTSIDE AND PLAY Find ways to ensure your child is active for 60 minutes each day. Have him or her walk the neighbor's dog, go swimming, play soccer, take walks, or go for family bike rides. Look for safe, fun ways to play outside together year-round. Go to Family Corner Magazine (website) and PBS Parents (website) for more ideas.</p>	<p>WRITE EVERY WEEK Ask your child to write a weekly letter to his or her grandparents, relatives, or friends. Encourage him to keep a summer journal. Have her write the family's grocery list. Organize a secret pal writing project for adults and kids at your church or in your community.</p>
<p>DO A GOOD DEED Encourage your child to help neighbors or friends. He or she can volunteer with a local group or complete a service learning project. Suggest that your child set aside part of his allowance for charity. Look at Nickelodeon's Big Help web site together for more ideas.</p>	<p>STEM EXPLORATION Engage your child to participate in hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities that promote inquiry, exploration, and discovery. Encourage them to conduct science experiments, design engineering prototypes, explore coding and robotics, or investigate environmental sustainability initiatives.</p>
<p>SCAVENGER HUNT Develop a "scavenger hunt" that brings the family into these cultural institutions and provides them an opportunity to fully explore art and science in new and exciting ways.</p>	<p>FLASH CARDS During the summer, a daily review of basic math facts will go a long way in helping students to avoid off summer learning loss. And throw in a few word problems while you're at it. You might even want to feature characters from students' summer reading list in those word problems, just for good measure.</p>
<p>ONLINE RESOURCES PBS Kids: Offers a wide range of educational content, including games, videos, and activities based on popular PBS shows. https://pbskids.org/ Funbrain: Provides over 100 interactive games for preschool to 8th grade, covering math, reading, and literacy. funbrain.com Cool Math: Cool Math Games is an online site targeted at children and young adults. https://www.coolmathgames.com/</p>	<p>ONLINE RESOURCES Starfall: Focuses on early reading skills, offering games and activities for pre-K to 2nd grade. starfall.coml. ABCya: Offers a variety of educational games and activities for elementary school students, covering subjects like letters, numbers, and keyboarding. https://www.abcya.com/ National Geographic Kids: Provides kid-friendly science and social studies information through videos, games, and more. https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/</p>

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