

Rising Kindergarten

SUMMER RESOURCES

Play

Play Outside

- Explore, discover, and play outside
- Go for walks, take hikes, and play I Spy in Nature

Imaginary Play

- What's in your Recycle Bin? (Explore, build, and play with recycled items)
- Building Blanket Forts
- Dress Up

Card Games

- Go Fish, Uno, Make Ten
- More Ideas

Board Games

- Sorry, Zingo, Sequence for Kids

Movement Activities


- Storytime Yoga
- GoNoodle

Fine Motor Activities

- Playdough
- Beading
- Stickers
- Cutting with Scissors
- Dressing independently and practicing zippers, buttons, and laces

Create

Sensory Bins
Simple Science Experiments
Glitter Jars
Giant Bubbles
Art Projects
Nature Weaving



Practice

Spend time this summer practicing routines and trying new things including:

- Using New Bathrooms
- Eating New Foods
- Getting Ready in the Morning
- Getting Ready for Bedtime
- Playing on Different Playgrounds
- Create and practice a schedule/routine

Write

Snail Mail

- Write and send letters to family and friends together

Lists

- Ask your child to help you write a shopping list

Labels

- Label items around your house with sticky notes

Tracing

- Using a highlighter or yellow marker, write letters, numbers, names, or words for your child to trace

Blank Books

- Fold and staple 4-5 sheets of blank paper together and have your child author and illustrate their own series of books

Alphabet Chart

- Create an Alphabet Chart together, have your child write all 26 letters and then go on a scavenger hunt to find items that begin with each letter.

*Expect letters to be approximations of symbols and words to be inventive, encourage all forms of written expression and celebrate!

Problem Solve

By making math and mathematical language a part of your daily routine, you're instilling a love of numbers and problem solving and demonstrating that math is all around us.

Ask questions throughout the day

- i.e. who has more strawberries? What number comes after 4? How many crackers do you have? Let's count how many steps it takes us to go upstairs.

Take inventory of collections and have your child count how many

- i.e. how many socks? How many toy cars?

Practice telling simple math word problems

- i.e. I have 2 flowers and you have 3, how many do we have all together?)

Play math games together such as:

- Ten Frame Cards & Puzzles
- Tiny Polka Dot Game
- Shut the Box
- Board Games with tracks such as Candy Land or Chutes & Ladders

Create a summer timeline together

- Have your child practice writing the date and then write, draw a picture, or include a photo of what happened on that day.

Read

Ask questions as you go

- i.e. What is going to happen next? What rhymes with 'X'? How is this character feeling? How do the illustrations make you feel?

Read the same book again and again

- Make a book log of the stories you read over the summer together, and count how many times you read each book!

Incorporate Word Play into Story Time

- As you read, ask your child to tell you words that rhyme or words that begin with the same letter.
- Find and count all the words that begin with a certain letter in a story.
- Pretend to sound out simple words in stories and ask for your child's help.

Extend the story

- Act out scenes from favorite stories together
- Draw pictures to continue the story
- Make predictions and talk about basic plot features

Looking for Recommendations?

- Check Out [Children's Books of the Year Lists](#) from Bank Street College of Education
- Go to your local library
- Look at the [Summer Books by Grade](#) resource on CardinalNet

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