



# Summer Fun Learning Activities Guide 2013

## KINDERGARTEN

### Encourage Your Child to Read

- Share books and read with your child.
- Make a time and place for reading in your home and talk about reading in your family.
- Set a good example – read on your own.
- Allow your child to select books to read and be aware of your child's reading interests.
- Go to your local public library and register your child for a library card.
- When preparing for family road trips, stock up on audio books from your library or bookstore.

### Writing

- Set up a writing station at home where your child can write and draw; provide paper, markers, crayons, and other materials to encourage writing and drawing.
- Encourage him/her to share what he/she liked and/or did not like about the story.
- Encourage your child to use capital letters at the beginning of sentences.
- Provide opportunities for your child to practice writing his/her first and last name using a pencil or crayon. Make sure he/she capitalizes the first letters correctly.

### Mathematics

- Count objects in the home, grocery store, etc., up to 20.
- Place 10 objects in a container. Make up a story problem using the objects. For example, there are 10 apples in a basket. Three apples fell on the floor. How many are left? Continue the activity by using different amounts, adding and subtracting.
- At the dinner table, ask who has more water in their glass? Who has less food on their plate?
- Collect several items (books, blocks, cans, balls, etc.). Have your child explain how the items are different or alike.
- Collect a series of like items (coins, candies, etc.) and make sets of unequal amounts. Determine which set is greater than or less than the other set using matching and/or counting.
- While riding in a car, identify shapes (circles, squares, rectangles, hexagons, cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres) on buildings and/or signs.
- Play "Make Ten." Begin with any number 1–9 and determine how many more are needed to "make ten" using pictures and /or objects.



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### Science

- Create a replica of your favorite animal using craft materials.
- Sort objects based on shape and texture (paper, fabric, leaves).
- Plant seeds, care for the plants, and watch them grow.
- Make observations using your five senses on a visit to the park.





### Science Activities Online

- [www.easy-kids-science-experiments.com/](http://www.easy-kids-science-experiments.com/)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/topic/science.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/topic/science.shtml)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5\\_6/science\\_5\\_6.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/science_5_6.shtml)
- [www.internet4classrooms.com/science\\_elem.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/science_elem.htm)
- [www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html)
- [www.sciencekids.co.nz/](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/)

### Links to Summer Reading

- <http://readkiddoread.com/>
- [www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html](http://www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html)
- [http://lvccld.org/kids/school\\_age/what\\_to\\_read.cfm](http://lvccld.org/kids/school_age/what_to_read.cfm)
- [www.mypubliclibrary.com/catalog/library/userdef/kids.aspx](http://www.mypubliclibrary.com/catalog/library/userdef/kids.aspx)
- [www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/Departments/Library/Library.shtm](http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/Departments/Library/Library.shtm)
- <http://ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb/index.cfm>
- <http://bclibrary.org/kids-resources/>

### Local Adventures

- Lake Mead
- Red Rock Canyon Lied Discovery Children's Museum
- Museum of Natural History
- Atomic Testing Museum
- Springs Preserve

For more options visit:

<http://museums.nevadaculture.org/>

<http://www.nvoutdoorkids.org/>



## Recommended Summer Reading

**Blackout** by John Rocco

**Bring on the Birds** by Susan Stockadale

**Can We Save the Tiger?** by Martin Jenkins

**The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred** by Samantha R. Vamos

**Chirchir is Singing** by Kelly Cunnane

**Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?** by Susan A. Shea

**Dot** by Patricia Intriago

**Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site** by Sherri Duskey Rinker

**Grandpa Green** by Lane Smith

**I Broke my Trunk** by Mo Willems

**I Want My Hat Back** by Jon Klassen

**Ladybugs** by Gail Gibbons

**Little Treasures: Endearment from Around the World** by Jacqueline K. Ogburn

**Little White Rabbit** by Kevin Henkes

**Me....Jane** by Patrick McDonnell

**Mooshka, a Quilt Story** by Julie Paschkis

**Mouse & Lion** by Rand Burkert

**A New Year's Reunion** by Yu Li-Qiong

**Prudence Wants a Pet** by Cathleen Daly

**See Me Run** by Paul Meisel

**Stars** by Mary Lyn Ray

**Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature** by Joyce Sidman

**Ten Little Caterpillars** by Bill Martin

**These Hands** by Margaret H. Mason

**Tia Isa Wants a Car** by Meg Medina

**Tillie the Terrible Swede: How One Women, a Sewing Needle, and a Bicycle Changed History** by Sue Stauffacher

**The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps** by Jeanette Winter

### Note to Parents

CCSD offers the above list of links to summer reading lists and resources in our continued support of student achievement and the love of reading. Book lists cover a wide range of topics and interest levels. It is the parents' responsibility to verify the appropriateness of any book for their child. Also, please check with your child's school online, as many schools provide summer reading lists that support site-specific programs and classes.