



Summer Fun Learning Activities Guide 2016 First Grade

Encourage Your Child to Read

- Share books and read with your child.
- Ask your child questions about stories he/she is reading; have him/her use parts of the story to explain his/her thinking.
- Encourage your child to read both orally and silently.
- Read informational texts and Internet content together; use search tools to find facts or information.
- Practice reading and breaking apart two-syllable words.
- Make a time and a place for reading in your home and talk about reading in your family.

Writing

- Encourage your child to keep a personal journal or diary to tell his/her own stories.
- Use books and Internet sources to gather information; have your child write about what he/she learned.
- Encourage your child to write short pieces to share their opinion on a book.
- Practice writing complete sentences.
- Write down four or five simple sentences, including some questions. Have your child decide which sentences should end with a period and which should end with a question mark.

Mathematics

- Count to 120, starting at any number less than 120.
- While shopping or riding in the car, find two-digit numbers. Talk about what each digit means (e.g., 65 has a 6 in the tens place that has a value of 60 and a 5 in the ones place that has a value of 5. 60 and 5 equal 65).
- Compare two-digit numbers using place value (tens and ones) recording the comparisons with the symbols $>$, $=$, and $<$.
- Create real-life word problems with your child. For example, there were some grapes in a bowl. You ate 9 grapes and now have 7 grapes left, how many grapes were in the bowl?
- Tell what time of the day to the nearest hour and half-hour you do certain activities, such as eating breakfast, going to bed, etc. Draw a clock face and place the hands of the clock at the appropriate time for each activity.
- Play the "I am thinking of a number" game. For example, "I'm thinking of a number that makes 14 when added to 8. What is my number?" or, "My number is 45. What number is 10 more than 45? What number is 10 less than 45?"
- Build shapes (triangles, rectangles, squares, trapezoids, cubes, and rectangular prisms) using items such as toothpicks and mini-marshmallows and identify attributes of the shapes (e.g., number of sides).



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Science

- Go on a nature walk. Gather leaves and flowers and sort them.
- Plant and care for different seeds and record information as they grow.
- Try to identify objects using the sense of touch or sound alone.
- Explore the changes in your shadow based on the time of day.
- Experiment with pushing and pulling different objects of various weights.





Science Activities Online

- www.easy-kids-science-experiments.com/
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/topic/science.shtml
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/science_5_6.shtml
- www.internet4classrooms.com/science_elem.htm
- www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html
- www.sciencekids.co.nz/

Links to Summer Reading

- <http://readkiddoread.com/>
- www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html
- http://lvccld.org/kids/school_age/what_to_read.cfm
- www.mypubliclibrary.com/catalog/library/userdef/kids.aspx
- 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
- 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.