

Summer is a Time for Learning to Continue

It is important to keep your child's mind engaged over the summer so they will be able to continue to learn and be curious. Enjoy activities together that INSPIRE their imagination, and your children's minds are sure to grow this whole summer vacation!

<u>Reading, Listening and Speaking</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Physical/ Performing Arts</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Read EVERY day! Chart/Celebrate Progress Weekly○ Read non-fiction, fiction, ebooks, poetry, newspapers and read out loud! <i>For most children, twenty minutes is an appropriate amount of time.</i>○ Parents should keep reading aloud. <i>Reading aloud benefits all children, even teens. They will build listening comprehension.</i>○ Listen to Audio Books during a road trip.○ Use time in the car to LISTEN and talk with your children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Do ZEARN for 20 minutes EVERY day. Chart/Celebrate Progress Weekly○ Cook with your children. This is one of the best ways to integrate math, reading and following directions. Let your child design the menu too!○ Add math activities to your trip to the grocery store or any store when you are shopping with your kids○ Play any card and dice games	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Play an instrument○ Play a sport○ Swim○ Go camping,○ Go on a hike○ Build a sand castle○ Create a song and sing it○ Ride a bike○ Go to Parks, YMCA, or recreation center○ Play music and dance○ Sing together○ Attend a free outdoor concert

Wonder and explore together!

<u>Writing/Art</u>	<u>Science/Social Studies</u>	<u>Be together</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep a journal about your adventures. ○ Make a scrap book ○ Paint a picture ○ Write a song ○ Make any arts and crafts project ○ Write a poem ○ Create anything! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Go on outings to aquariums, botanical gardens, zoos, beaches and state parks. <i>Libraries and AAA often have discounted tickets.</i> ○ Cook and bake together. How does heat change chemicals? What is a liquid, solid, and a gas? ○ Plant a garden. Your child will gain responsibility and pride as they watch their plants grow and thrive. ○ Do an experiment 	<p>Unplug electronics. Limit TV and video games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Join a summer camp ○ Play Board Games: <i>Mancala, Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Uno, Dino Math Tracks, Lincoln Logs, card games, dominoes and dice games</i> ○ Watch for shooting stars at night ○ Go OUTSIDE ○ Make a new friend ○ Go to your local library for FREE activities

<http://www.bushnellpark.org/events>

<https://www.hplct.org/library-services/adults/museum-passes>

http://www.connecticutmag.com/bests-tops/free-for-all-the-best-free-things-to-do-in/article_15c2e746-0a7f-11e7-aacb-7f44a4a65e78.html

<http://www.riverfront.org/events>

<http://elizabethparkct.org/concerts.html>

<https://ctsciencecenter.org/>

Ideas for Parents to provide engaging activities:

<https://www.parents.com/kids/education/math-and-science/5-ways-to-raise-a-science-lover/>

<https://www.parents.com/kids/education/math-and-science/10-playful-math-activities/>

<https://www.parents.com/kids/education/math-and-science/making-math-fun/>

Fun Educational apps:

<https://www.parents.com/kids/education/math-and-science/best-math-apps-for-kids/>

<https://www.parents.com/kids/education/math-and-science/10-best-science-apps-for-kids/>

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