



#KeepKidsLearning

## SUMMER LEARNING IDEAS AT HOME AND IN YOUR COMMUNITY

All kids need to keep learning over the summer. If they don't, they lose what they've learned during the school year, and those losses add up year after year. Following are some ways you can help your child learn during the summer months and send them back ready for the new school year.



### Read at home every day.

Help your child pick books that interest them, set reading goals, and reward their efforts. Start a family book club. Read a book, watch the movie, and talk about the differences with your child.



### Visit a library.

Libraries have more than just books. Your child can experience technology, create new things, and often get a healthy meal at some local libraries. Sign you and your child up for your library's free summer programs so you can explore and learn new skills together.



### Keep a summer journal.

Have your child keep a journal about the books they are reading, their favorite summer events or activities, and the new friends they've made.



### Look for free or low-cost activities near you.

Take trips to your local museum, aquarium, zoo, park, or nature center. Encourage kids to write about their trip and what they thought about it in their summer journal.



### Plant a garden.

Start simple with a tomato container garden or fresh herbs grown on your kitchen window sill. It's a great way to encourage healthy eating with your child.



### Use counting skills in daily activities or errands.

Baking a cake? Let your child help count out the ingredients or minutes to mix the batter. Turn a grocery trip into a math lesson. Use coupons and help your child determine the discount.



### Volunteer together.

Volunteering builds life skills and compassion. Help spruce up a school or local park, collect supplies for a shelter, or serve food at a soup kitchen.



### Be active.

Get outside with your child. Visit a park for a nature walk, ride bikes, or check out your community's parks and recreation programs that may offer many fun options.



### Get creative.

Let your child's imagination soar. Turn everyday household items like cardboard tubes into rockets or old socks into hand puppets. Let them make up their own songs or dances.



Summer Learning Day is a national advocacy day recognized to spread awareness about the importance of summer learning for our nation's youth in helping close the achievement gap and support healthy development in communities all across the country. Find an event or program near you at [www.summerlearning.org](http://www.summerlearning.org)!