

Summer Learning Ideas for Incoming 5th graders

Summer is a fun time to take a break from the daily school routine. However, it is a perfect time to review and prepare for the next school year. Many students who do not work on anything during the summer have a “summer loss” and need much review at the beginning of the school year to get caught back up to speed. Doing some basic (and fun) activities during the summer can help prevent this. Here are some suggestions.

Reading:

- Set aside quiet reading time. This is a great habit to start for summertime. Have your child read for 20 minutes every day. Books, magazines, and newspapers are appropriate reading materials. If you do nothing else “academic” during the summer, this is a must!
- Read with your child. Even though he/she may be an independent reader, reading with your child is very important to model fluency, make predictions, share the experience of reading, and give your child exposure to challenging vocabulary.

Math:

- Review math facts!!!! Use flashcards, websites, cooking with recipes, or music to help memorize. Even when you’re driving, ask your child random math facts. Review whole number operations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Cook together, using some simple recipes. Let your child practice measuring, doubling a recipe, and skills with telling time. Great opportunity to be a blessing to someone else with a meal or treat!

Science:

- Do some fun science experiments together as a family. If you google science experiments for kids, you can gather a list of ideas that will make this a summer to remember. Take pictures of the experiments and have your child write a hypothesis and record the steps, an explanation of what happened, or a description of the experiment. This would be a great summer keepsake!
- Plan a trip to a science museum.

History:

- Play the license plate game. On a map, keep track of the states you see on license plates while you’re driving around.
- Vacations are perfect for this game! Memorize the capitals to the states.

Religion:

- Pray daily and keep a prayer journal.
- Find a volunteer opportunity or do a service project as a family.
- Pray the rosary with your family.

Great websites:

1. <http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>
2. <http://aaamath.com/>
3. <https://xtramath.org/#/home/index>
4. <https://www.ixl.com/>
5. <http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createAgraph/>
6. <https://www.brainpop.com/>
7. <http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>
8. www.funbrain.com
9. <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>
10. <http://kids.usa.gov/>
11. <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/>
12. www.bristol-library.org/childrens-department/tumblebooks