



## SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER LEARNING

**MATH:** Children should continue to practice multiplication and division facts through 12 on a weekly basis. Flash cards and computer games can be helpful. The third grade teachers will leave classes set up on [extramath.com](http://extramath.com) or IXL so students can continue to practice in the summer.

Suggestions for more math learning:

- Institute an allowance to help children with math.
- Teach children how to compute gas mileage on a car trip.
- Encourage your baseball fan to collect information on player statistics and read game results in the paper or online daily.

**READING:** Picture or chapter books are acceptable summer reading. Reading out loud for 15-30 minutes a day will increase speed, fluency, reading comprehension, spelling and vocabulary. Summer reading programs are available at the local libraries. Please note that the following book is required summer reading for fourth grade: *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. There will be graded activities on this book at the beginning of the fourth grade school year. Students may also want to listen to audio books on long road trips. It is an excellent way to improve listening skills. Audio books can be found at the local libraries and bookstores.

For specific book lists for children, check out this website:

[www.whatdowedoallday.com](http://www.whatdowedoallday.com)

**CURSIVE:** Children should practice cursive on different types of handwriting paper and notebook paper. Continue to emphasize the correct way to hold and write with pencils and pens.

**WRITING:** Encourage children to write about their adventures over the summer in a journal. The journal we use in class could be used for summer writing. A journal is not a diary where private thoughts are recorded. It is a storehouse for

reflections, thoughts, and ideas. Encourage 15 minutes of writing daily. If you travel, keep a travel journal or send postcards to friends. Write letters to out-of-town relatives. Use complete sentences when writing. If you feel your child needs extra practice with grammar, punctuation, and spelling a workbook from a local bookstore might be helpful. IXL also provides comprehensive practice.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** During trips, teach children about maps, directions, and distances. Take a map along and have your child plot a course for the trip. Teach them to use your GPS.

While traveling on vacation, pick up brochures about the area and learn about the history and culture of different places. Visit historical sites, museums and galleries.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Get outside and have some fun in the sun!

Here are some great websites for practicing math facts and more.

[www.coolmath4kids.com](http://www.coolmath4kids.com)

[www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com)

[www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com)

[www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com)

[www.brainpopjr.com](http://www.brainpopjr.com)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

[www.nlvm.usu.edu](http://www.nlvm.usu.edu)

<http://www.mathplayground.com>

<http://www.abcya.com>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>     *Science and social studies for kids*