

Helping Your Student Avoid the “Summer Slide”

Tips to help students keep their skills sharp during the summer months.

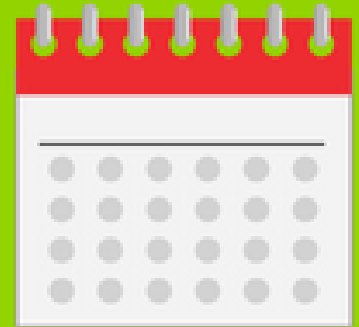
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The Why:

For more resources on preventing the summer slide, [click here](#)

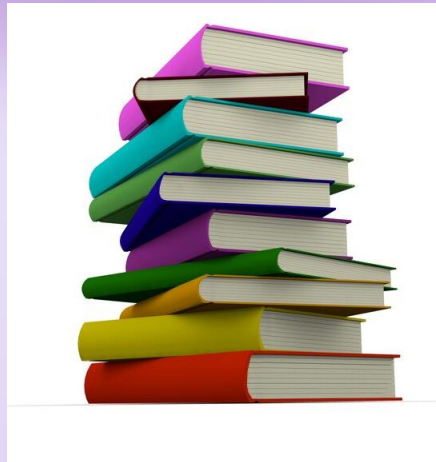
About 2 months of reading skills and 2 1/2 months of math skills are lost over a single summer.



Source: <https://thinkstretch.com/our-difference/summer-learning-loss/>

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ELA Activities



Literacy is EVERYWHERE!

- Whatever you are reading, watching, or listening to, literacy skills can be incorporated.
- Have your child summarize, give evidence, discuss characters, write, and spell.



Resources that Support Vocabulary Reinforcement at Home :

- Vocabulary Building for Parents
- Building Your Child's Vocabulary
- Wordhippo
- Wordsift
- Membean
- Visuwords
- Word of the day



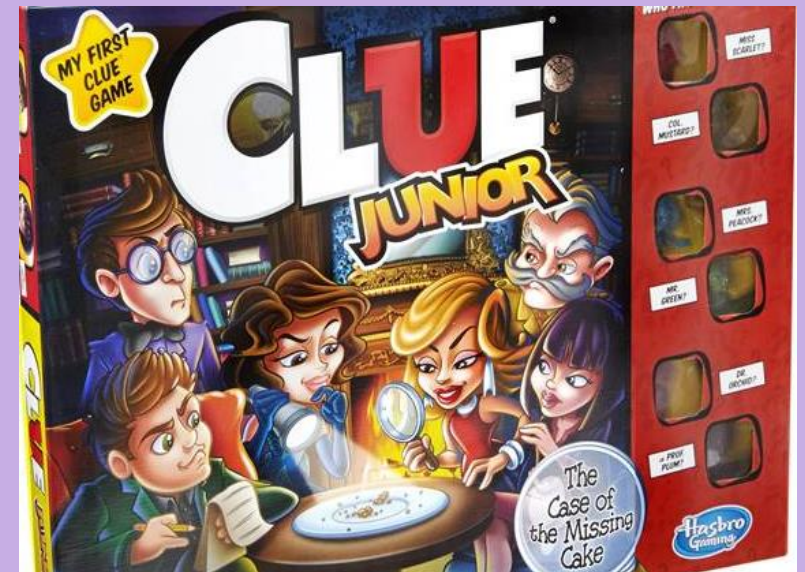
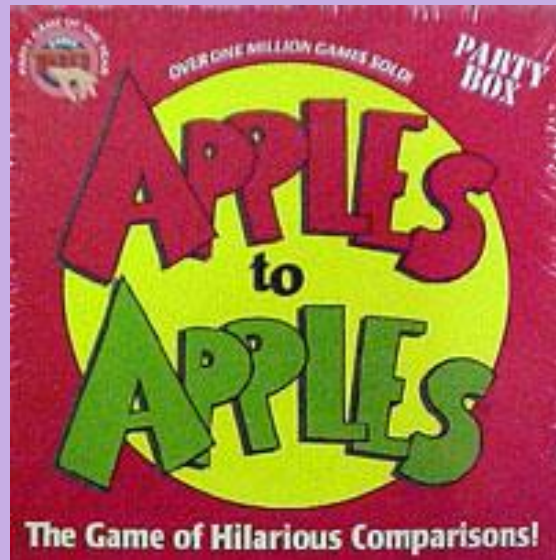
Have your child write routinely.

- Encourage your child to text in complete sentences with proper conventions, capitalization, etc.
- Journal as a family about the summer.
- 100 One Word Prompts



Play games that support literacy skills.

- Many games support literacy skills such as citing and evaluating evidence, comparing and contrasting, and identifying synonyms and antonyms.



“Engaged readers are those who are intrinsically motivated to read and who therefore read frequently.” (Tracey & Morrow, 2012)

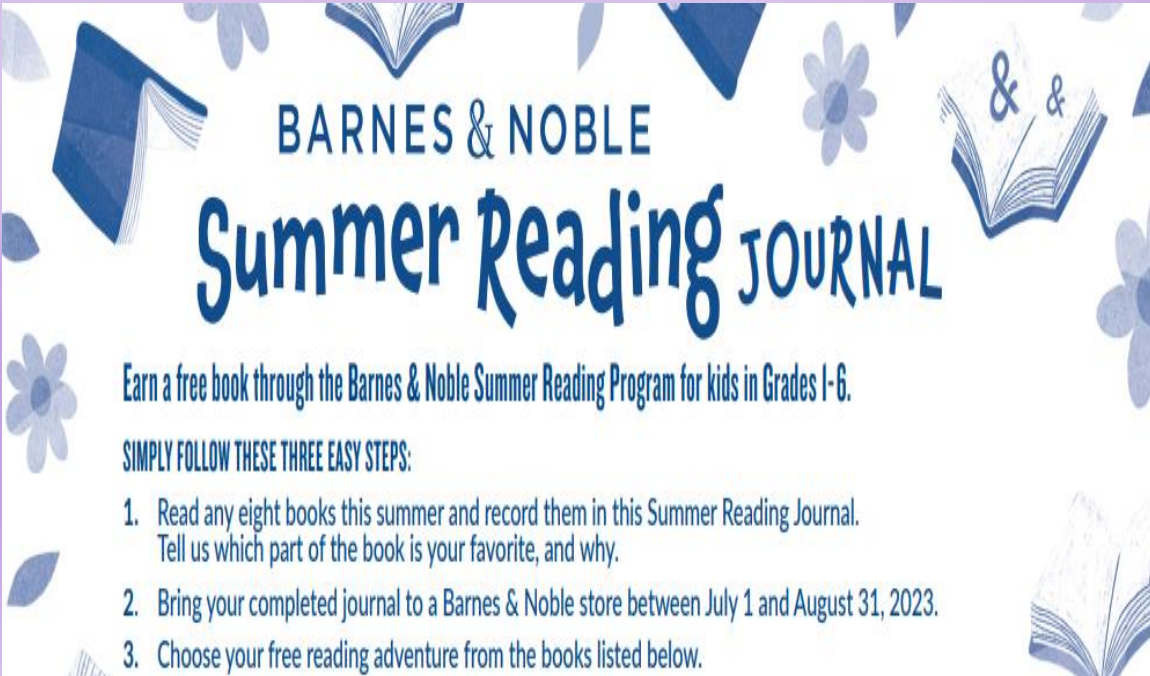
Check out these FREE resources to promote literacy skills:

- National Geographic
- Smithsonian for Kids
- Dogone News
- Readworks
- GetEpic
- ABCYA
- Teach Your Monster to Read
- Starfall
- Funbrain
- Nasa Science Space Place
- Recommended Books for the Whole Family to Read
- 21 Questions to Ask Your Child About a Book – Lexile)



Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program

- [Click here for the Summer Reading Journal](#)
- [100 Recommended Young Adult and Teen Books](#)
- [100 Recommended Books for Elementary](#)

The graphic features a light blue background with decorative elements including stylized flowers, leaves, and open books. The text is centered and reads: 'BARNES & NOBLE Summer Reading JOURNAL'. Below the title, it says 'Earn a free book through the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program for kids in Grades 1-6.' and 'SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS:'.

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1. Read any eight books this summer and record them in this Summer Reading Journal. Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.
2. Bring your completed journal to a Barnes & Noble store between July 1 and August 31, 2023.
3. Choose your free reading adventure from the books listed below.

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Math Activities



Reading during the summer months is important, but why not read some math related books? Click on the links below for book recommendations. Please note that the local library may have copies of these books available.



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The Best Children's Books

Another way to sneak in skills practice is by playing games. A deck of cards and some dice go a long way with practicing math skills. Click on the links below for some ideas!

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DICE



Choices for Children



Childhood 101

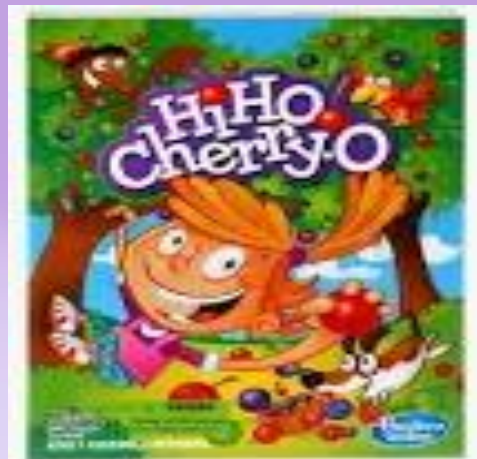
Board games are another great way to practice math skills.

*Please note, you do not have to purchase any of these games, but the links will take you to Amazon if you are interested in the game.

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Hi-Ho Cherry-O!

Helps students develop skills like counting, addition and subtraction.



Tiny Polka Dot

A game that grows with your student! There are sixteen easy to learn games you can play with this card deck.



Sum Swamp

Race through the swamp while facing math challenges and meeting swamp creatures along the way.



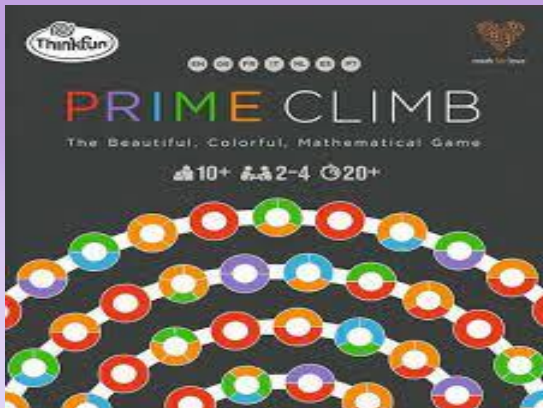
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Prime Climb

Learn and master multiplication, division, factorization, and prime number concepts by combining colors.



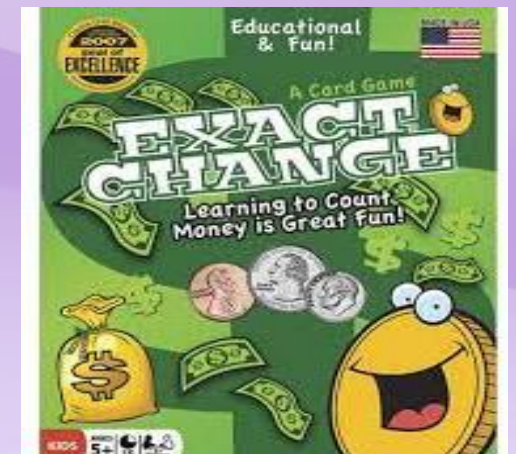
Target

All students can practice their math facts with this game that has three ways to play.



Exact Change

Count money with a fun game the entire family can enjoy.





Take the learning outdoors!

One of the beautiful things about summer is the increased amount of daylight hours and (hopefully) plenty of sunny days. Take a look at these blog posts by [Coffee Cups and Crayons](#) and [The Community Classroom](#) for some ideas. Most of the items needed can be purchased at a dollar store.

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Old Bridge Public Library

There are several programs for ELA and Math this summer.

Click [here](#) to access the Youth Services page on their website. Click [here](#) to access the online calendar. Check out the next few slides for some highlighted programs.

ELA Programs



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Reading Buddies

Students going into grades 1-5 can read with one of the teen volunteers. Bring a book from home or pick one to read. Thursdays 6pm-8pm. July 7-August 11.

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Summer Reading

Beginning Saturday, June 17 stop by the library to get your summer learning challenge game board. Children will receive incentives for reading! Click here for the [Teen Summer Reading Program Opportunities](#)

Math Programs



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Math Buddies

Grades 1-12, No registration required, Saturdays, July 1 – August 5 from 11am – 1pm
Teen volunteers will be on hand to help you with all of your math questions. Please bring your own summer math assignment or other work, as worksheets/problems will not be provided.

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Splash of Math

For students entering grades 4-6, Registration required for each individual session, Tuesdays at 7pm: July 27th, July 11th, July 18th, July 25th
Unique, high-energy math activities that appeal to kids of all math abilities.

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STEM Activities

Take a look at the online calendar to see if any of the STEM activities are of interest to your student.

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Thank you!
Enjoy the summer!

