

Summer Reading Ideas for parents:

Summer is a great time to read for fun and adventure and to find that reading is not just for class work

Have your child join the Summer Reading Program at the local library. There are rewards throughout the program & at the end. The librarians are very knowledgeable in helping to choose books suitable to the age & interest of the child..

Play tapes or CD's of children's stories in the car. Ask questions & talk about the story. These are available at the library.

Read or listen to a story before seeing the video of it & then discuss which was more enjoyable.

Play games reading the license plates of the vehicle ahead of your vehicle.

- 1) read the three letters & numbers only
- 2) name an animal or an object that begins with the letter(s) on the license plate. e.g. PRT pigs, rabbits, tigers. Pajamas, rings, tricks.
- 3) Make up a phrase using the three letters as beginning letters for the three words of a phrase. *SGM e.g. silly gophers munching. Several giggling monsters*

Have your child read the ingredients for you as you bake or cook.

While you are busy emptying the dishwasher, folding clothes, etc. dictate the grocery list to you child. Don't stress spelling but do spell out the difficult words for your child. Or you print the shopping or errand list & then have your child read the items to you as you are shopping. Do these lists in list form.

Do read to your child as well. Choose books he/she would be interested in but beyond his/her level of reading on his/her own. Read a chapter a day & have he/she waiting for the next day to follow the exciting adventure.

Make summer reading a fun & happy experience for you & your child.

Enjoy.

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