



Dear Families,

Happy summer! Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is how frequently a child is read to at an early age. In order to help your child retain the skills he learned in pre-k, it is essential that you spend some time over the summer engaged in various language activities. Below is a list of some ideas to get you started:

- Make it a goal to spend at least 15 minutes reading to or with your child a minimum of 5 days a week. Use the Reading BINGO sheet to keep your child motivated.
- Discuss and retell the stories you read.
 - Questions to ask before reading:
 - What is the title?
 - What does the cover tell you about the book?
 - Why are you reading this book?
 - Questions to ask during reading:
 - What do you think will happen next?
 - What is the problem in the story?
 - Why do you think the characters did that?
 - Questions to ask after reading:
 - Can you describe the setting of the story?
 - How did the characters change throughout the book?
 - Which character did you like best?
 - What part of the book did you like best? Why?
 - What part did you dislike? Why?
- Help your child trace and write uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Assist your child as he writes his first and last names.
- Play rhyming games.
- Think of words that begin or end in specific sounds.
- Play the “say it fast” game. Say a word by pronouncing just one sound at a time and then have your child put the sounds together (blending) and say the word at a normal rate. For example, say each sound in the word bat in isolation, “/b/ /a/ /t/.” Your child should say, “bat.”
- Play the “say it slow” game. Say a word at the normal rate. Have your child isolate and say each sound in the word slowly. For example, say the word “dog.” Your child should say, “/d/ /o/ /g/.”
- Practice recognizing high frequency words on signs, on labels and in books.

These ideas are just suggestions. Feel free to add your own creative language activities. Have fun!

Reading



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Read from a magazine.	Take turns reading with someone.	Read 15 minutes before you go to bed.	Read at your favorite spot in a park or at a playground.	Turn out the lights and read with a flashlight.
Read a book that makes you laugh.	Read a book with a friend.	Turn out the lights and read with a flashlight.	Help an adult cook by reading a recipe.	Read while on a picnic.
Read a fairytale.	Read a book with a favorite stuffed toy.		Make a shopping list with an adult and then go to the store to find the items.	Read a book on your porch.
Read a book about an animal.	Read to a relative over the phone.	Make a blanket fort and read inside of it.	Read in your pajamas.	Read under a table.
Read a nonfiction book.	Sit under a tree and read a book.	Read while wearing sunglasses.	Read in the bathtub (No water, just blankets.)	Read at the pool or beach.



Handwriting Guidelines

