

STOP THE SUMMER SLIDE



Children who don't engage in educational activities can lose up to two months of literacy and math skills during the summer break. Use these tips to keep your child learning all summer long!

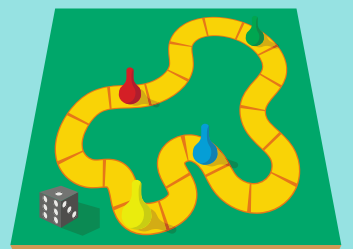
1 VISIT YOUR LIBRARY

Sign up for a library card. Let your child choose her own books to read. Check the library's event calendar for fun programs and activities the entire family can enjoy together.



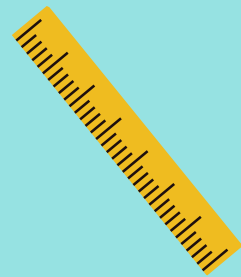
2 BEAT BOREDOM WITH BOARD GAMES

Turn off the screens and get out those old-fashioned board games for some family fun that helps develop your child's critical thinking skills.



3 FIND FUN WAYS TO USE MATH

Let your child measure ingredients in the kitchen, count how many cans of food are in your pantry, or sort the coins in your purse. Show them that math is fun!



4 GO OUTSIDE TO STUDY SCIENCE

Take your child on a nature walk. Let him feel the grass, touch the leaves, watch the insects crawling along the path. Nature is a great way to spark interest in our environment.



5 LET ART COME ALIVE

Museums offer a variety of free or low-cost enrichment activities that can expose your family to art and cultural exhibits. Make museums a summer staple.



6 MAKE MUSIC

Let your baby bang on your pots and pans. Sing silly songs. Throw a dance party in the living room. Learning to sing and dance builds coordination.



7 THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Download developmentally appropriate apps, so your child can learn anytime, anywhere.



8 EVERYDAY LEARNING IS KEY

Incorporate learning activities into your child's daily life to build a strong educational foundation and promote school readiness.



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