



Summer Writing

Keep a Family Diary- Use a notebook or composition book to record what you do each day. Review your day's events and write a few sentences together about what your family did or what you remember. Encourage your child to illustrate it or add photos. Read it together frequently to make your summer more memorable.

Send Postcards-buy or make postcards to send to family or friends to document your outings, vacations and activities. You don't have to go anywhere to send a postcard!

Write Your Own Books- Invite your child to make his/her own library of books for the summer! Staple some pages together, add a cover if you like. Use favorite books and authors as models for their ideas/writing. Try some nonfiction about your favorite topic, poetry, recipes, how-to books, as well as fiction! Illustrate your books

WEBSITES!

There's a wide world out there to encourage literacy!

Reading Rockets

<http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/summer/>

Read Write Think

<http://www.readwritethink.org/bright-ideas/#>

Mrs. Bourque's SQWORL

<http://sqworl.com/ggwuon>

Book Lists for Summer

Horn Book <http://bit.ly/1iSzsXj>

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/summerreadinglist>

SUMMER READING CHALLENGES

Earn free books or CA\$H!

<http://www.scholastic.com/summer>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570>

REFERENCES

<http://www.schoolfamily.com> www.rif.org

<http://www.scholastic.com> www.reading.org

Prevent the "Summer Slide"

Literacy Tips for Primary Students



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What can you do to encourage reading this summer.

Choose books to read together

For some kids, reading is an isolating activity. Read to your child and his/her friends as part of play dates, establish a bedtime routine of reading, and discuss what was read.

Make a Schedule for Reading

Use a calendar to plan or record reading so that students document their efforts. Establish a routine time for reading.

Find Audio Books

Most libraries now have them. This will expose them to vocabulary they may not yet read on their own.

Connect Reading to Activity

Choose books that relate to vacations, activities, movies or trips that your family will do together.

Make it EASY!

Help your child find books that are "just right". If there are too many words that are 'tricky' it's not a good fit. (Google "5 Finger Test")

Children's Choices 2014 Reading List

Alphabet Trucks Samantha Vamos
Amelia Bedelia's First Library Card
Herman Parish
Amy's Three Best Things Philippa Pearce
Bear and Bee. Sergio Ruzzier
A Big Guy Took My Ball Mo Willems
A CatFish Tale Kathy Brodsky
Chamelia and the New Kid in Class Ethan Long
Charlie Goes to School Ree Drummond
Cheer Up, Mouse! Jed Henry
Cinderelphant Emma Dodd
Clark the Shark Bruce Hale
The Day the Crayons Quit Drew Daywalt
Dirty Gert Ted Arnold
Emeraldalicious Victoria Kahn.
Friends Eric Carle
I Spy Pets Edward Gibbs
Library Mouse: Home Sweet Home
Daniel Kirk
Lion vs. Rabbit Alex Latimer
Mustache Baby Bridget Heos
My New Teacher and Me! Al Yankovic
No Pirates Allowed! Said Library Lou
Rhonda Gowler Green
Open Very Carefully: A Book With Bite
Nick Bromley
Peck, Peck, Peck Lucy Cousins
Splat and the Cool School Trip Rob Scotton.
The Tortoise and the Hare Jerry Pinkney
What if You Had Animal Teeth? Sandra Markle



Teachers' Choices 2014 Reading List

America the Beautiful: Together We Stand Katharine Lee Bates
The Bears Go To School Kay Winters
Best Foot Forward: Exploring Feet, Flippers, and Claws Ingo Arndt
The Day the Crayons Quit Drew Daywalt
Exclamation Mark! Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Frog Song Brenda Guiberson
The Invisible Boy Trudy Ludwig
Lifetime: The Amazing Numbers in Animal Lives Lola Schaefer
The Snatchabook: Who's Stealing All the Stories Helen Docherty
Xander's Panda Linda Sue Park

For more information on these selections visit:
<http://www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists.aspx/>

