

Top 10 Summer Learning Tips

You don't need worksheets to keep kids learning this summer. Spending time together “doing stuff” is the most important thing you can do to combat that summer slide in academic skills.

1 READ TOGETHER

Take every opportunity. Read something silly out loud after dinner. Read the cereal box in a funny voice. Read to learn to do something new. Read the book before you watch a movie.

2 COOK A MEAL TOGETHER

You'll be measuring, reading, talking, and learning to follow a plan. And of course, you'll have a meal together where you can talk about all those books you've been reading!

3 VISIT AN ART MUSEUM

Find a piece of art your child likes, and let it inspire you to make some family art together back at home.

4 TAKE A HIKE INTO THE WILD UNKNOWN

Find a phone app to identify plants or insects. Or take photos and create a nature scrapbook of the things you see around you.

5 VOLUNTEER TOGETHER

Is there a local museum that needs docents? Or a park that needs cleaning?

6 GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIANS

They can guide your children into all sorts of reading adventures. And after reading a recommended book, stop by the library for kids to share what they learned.

7 VISIT A FARMER'S MARKET

They're filled with artisans, bakers, and (of course!) farmers. What could your children learn about different jobs and where food comes from?

8 VISIT A SENIOR CENTER

Play bingo, share lunch, listen to stories.

9 CONNECT WITH OTHER CHILDREN

Encourage your child to interact with other kids. Start a summer book club or find a pen pal and correspond.

10 GAME NIGHT

Choose word games, sudoku or do crossword puzzles together as a group.

