

ideas for summer Reading

- Don't view reading as a chore—Create a positive environment for reading so that children look forward to it. You don't have to read, you get to read!
- Reading doesn't have to only be books—Get a magazine about your child's favorite hobby, turn on the captions and turn down the volume on the television, look for information on the web.
- Your day to day routines can provide reading experiences—cooking, using the phone book, reading instructions for a new game, and reading maps or brochures for your vacation spots are all authentic reading experiences
- Read during transitions times—Get some more reading time in during the drive to Grandma's house or while waiting for the dentist.
- Keep reading those old favorites—Reading books that are a little easy or are even memorized build confidence and fluency.
- Read to your child—You get quality time with your child, you are a great reading model and you have the opportunity to talk to your child.
- Talk about books—Ask your child open-ended questions such as "What do you think about that story?" "What would you have done if you were that character?"
- Visit the library—Not only can the librarian help you find good, interesting books for your child, but they probably have a summer reading program your child can participate in.
- Support your child's writing—There is no better letter/sound practice than writing. Provide supplies and opportunities for your child to write—letters, lists, messages, vacation journal or scrapbook, etc. Don't worry about spelling—just praise your child's efforts.