

Recommended Summer Activities

Rising Kindergarten



We hope you have a summer full of discovery, play, and spending quality time with your family. Below are some fun activities for your child to enjoy. While these activities seem like play to them, they will also build skills that will help them enter Kindergarten as confident learners. The Kindergarten teachers are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and exploring together. Have a GREAT summer!

Reading

One of the most rewarding and important gifts you can give your child is the love of reading. By doing this, you will open doors to a world of information and knowledge. It is our hope that you will enjoy reading with your child this summer. Please use the provided Reading Log to record the books you read together.

See the Following Page for Suggested Book Titles

Math

Numbers are all around us and opportunities for building foundational math skills are at your fingertips! Along with basic number knowledge and recognition, your child has begun to recognize patterns and problem solve. Let him/her participate in a variety of real-world math experiences this summer!

Suggested Activities

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| --Play Board Games | --Assemble Puzzles |
| --Help with Cooking/Shopping | --Math Apps for Practice |
| --Practicing Addition and Subtraction
(using counters: blocks, buttons, legos) | --Sort and Count Objects
(snacks, toys, laundry) |

Rhyme Time

- *Llama Llama Misses Mama* by Anna Dewdney
- *Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin
- *Pete the Cat, I Love My White Shoes* by Eric Litwin

Books to Read Aloud

- *Alan's Big Scary Teeth* by Jarvis
- *Super Truck* by Stephen Savage
- *Old MacDonald had a Truck* by Steve Goetz
- *Max the Brave* by Ed Vere
- *Chicken Big!* by Keith Graves
- *I Don't Want to Be a Frog* by Dev Petty
- *Children Make Terrible Pets* by Peter Brown
- *That is not a good idea!* by Mo Willems

Wordless picture books are important additions to your child's library. In the absence of words, your child will be compelled to ask questions, make predictions, and read characters' facial expressions and body language to gain meaning. Wordless picture books provide the opportunity to increase vocabulary and encourage writing.

Wordless Picture Books

- *Ball* by Mary Sullivan
- *Little Butterfly* by Laura Logan
- *The Line* by Paula Bossio
- *A Ball for Daisy* by Chris Raschka

Alphabet Books

- *Oops, pounce, quick, run! : an alphabet caper* by Mike Twohy
- *Z is for Moose* by Paul O. Zelinsky
- *Alphabet Trucks* by Samantha R. Vamos
- *Alphabet City* by Stephen T. Johnson
- *Alphabet Rescue* by Audrey Wood
- *8, An Animal Alphabet* by Elisha Cooper

Beginning Book Series to Read with Your Child

- Biscuit Books by Cynthia Rylant
- Noodle Books by Hans Wilhelm
- Ollie Books by Olivier Dunrea
- Bob Books by Bobby Lynn Maslen
- Pete the Cat Books by James Dean
- Just Right Series by Liza Charlesworth



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Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

COLORS



Red

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Recognizes Colors



Orange

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Yellow

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Green

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Blue

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Purple

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Pink

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White

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Brown

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Black

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SHAPES

Recognizes Shapes

Circle



Square



Rectangle



Triangle



Star



Heart



ALPHABET - UPPERCASE

Circle the letters your child recognizes

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Letters to work on: _____

ALPHABET - LOWERCASE

Circle the letters your child recognizes

a b c d e f g h i j k l m
n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Letters to work on: _____

NAME

Have your child write their name below



NUMBERS

Recognizes Numbers

1 _ 2 _

3 _ 4 _

5 _ 6 _

7 _ 8 _

9 _ 10 _



Ready for Kindergarten

Write first name	Practice phone number	Practice address	Recite birthday
Identify patterns	Identify colors	Practice scissor skills	Identify some shapes
Practice writing letters	Match uppercase to lowercase letters	Identify lowercase letters	Identify uppercase letters
Count to 20	Rhyme familiar words	Practice writing numbers to 10	Count objects
Read a book with mom or dad	Use comparative (big/small) words	Identify position/direction concepts	Put 3-4 pictures together to tell a story



While the public library branches are current closed, the executive director and children's librarians have provided some opportunities for our students that should not be missed.

The library is temporarily processing new library cards online. Rather than going to a branch, families simply go to the website chattlibrary.org and select "Get a Library Card" from the top right hand corner. Follow the instructions and library staff will assist you through email.

There are many benefits for a student having a public library card.

- There is unlimited free access to audiobooks through the library's digital collection: Hoopla, OverDrive, and RB Digital. Students may wish to use these audiobooks during home learning or within the classroom. The benefits of audiobooks include improvement in pronunciation and fluency, critical listening skills, focus and attention span, memory, critical thinking and comprehension skills.
- The Chattanooga Public Library has a vast collection of eBooks, fiction and nonfiction, for check out, as well as a New Stand for fans of magazines, newspapers, maps and atlases. The library's research section includes a student favorite: the World Book Encyclopedia.

While on the library's website, don't forget to view the "events" section for a special compilation of resources organized for students. Below are a few resources students might enjoy during the summer.

Storyline Online

Streaming videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside illustrations.

Storytime from Space

Astronauts on the International Space Station reading books to the children on Earth.

Tumble Book Library

K-6 children's ebook database

Tumble Math

K-6 math ebook database



Our Summer Reading Log is now digital with Biblionasium!



Greetings Students and Families,

I am pleased to introduce a new way to record your summer reading. No more paper reading logs!

Biblionasium is an online reading log and incentive program that helps get everyone excited about reading. Students will log their reading on the website, and get rewarded with virtual badges. Each student will have their own virtual bookshelf and can recommend book titles to their classmates. We will also be able to track our summer reading minutes, in hopes we can reach 100,000 minutes all together all summer!

An account for your student has been set up. Your homeroom teacher will email you the account details at a later date. Printing this form and writing in your information will help you keep track of your account details.

URL: www.biblionasium.com

Username: _____

Password: _____

To start logging reading time, log into your account and begin adding books to your personal bookshelf. After adding books, you can easily record them on your reading log, noting how many minutes or pages you read and when you finished the book. Get rewarded with all kinds of virtual badges as you build your bookshelf and complete your reading log!

I am very excited and looking forward to using Biblionasium with all of our 1st-5th grade students. Happy Reading!

Love, Miss Oakes