

Summer Learning

Resources and Suggestions for Summer Learning



Summer Learning Tips (rename)

Having fun (learning) in the sun!

With the unexpected need for remote learning this spring, it's more important than ever to help your children stay engaged with learning this summer. However, it shouldn't feel like a chore. Check out some of the resources in this newsletter to find fun and meaningful ways that your child can continue to expand their minds virtually, as well as offline.

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WILMA THEATER

Free prompts and lessons to inspire creativity in artists of all ages!

<https://wilmatheater.org/wilma-virtual-studio/>

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FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

Check out eBooks, stay up to date on virtual events, and more!

<https://www.freelibrary.org/>

3

THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

Explore, discover, and learn from home!

<https://www.fi.edu/franklin-at-home>

Virtual Resources (that may even get you offline!)



Ideas for play, experiments, and projects that you can do with what you already have at home.

<https://www.kristimraz.com/2020/03/27/resource-packet-for-play-at-home/>

Online “camps” - 15 free (or mostly free) resources that provide a wide range of learning activities.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/15-online-camps-fill-kids-summer-with-learning-adventures>

Get Outside and Discover!

While there are so many new and fascinating things to discover on the internet, it's also important to take breaks from our screens. Check out these tips on ways to exercise your brain while soaking up some vitamin D. Of course, make sure to continue to follow all safety guidelines.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all of the letters of the alphabet? Numbers 1-100? Sight words? 2D and 3D shapes? Get creative and go on a search around your neighborhood. Work in teams or make it a friendly competition with your siblings or neighbors.

WONDERS OF SIDEWALK CHALK

Anything you can write or draw on a piece of paper, you can also work on outside while enjoying the sunshine. Practice sight words,



sound out words, time yourself with fast math facts, and more! Get creative and collaborate with your neighbors to draw a neighborhood mural or write a short story together that people can read as they walk down the street.

START A (SAFELY DISTANCED) NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB

What are you and your siblings or neighborhood friends interested in? Start a club where you can meet out on your stoops and sidewalks to discuss your favorite books, work on gardening projects, conduct science experiments, start a service project, or write your own play.

BE KIND TO YOURSELF

In the midst of the pandemic, it's essential to be kind to yourself. Take deep breaths and take breaks as needed. Engaging your children in reading books and conversation based on their interests will have a tremendous benefit to their growth. Ask questions about the work they are doing and celebrate them for this work, or for their help around the house.

Take the time to talk as a family about how you're feeling. Acknowledge feelings of unease, loneliness, or uncertainty. Bring these conversations to close by asking each person to focus on something that they are grateful for, or something positive that happened that day.

