

# Pre-K Summer Packet



Learning Activities for the Summer Months

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## A to Z Summer Fun

### ABC's and 123's

Have your child practice writing/ making the alphabet and numbers 1 – 20. Some fun ideas are: shaving cream, chalk, play dough, sand.

### Bedtime Stories

Tell bedtime stories with your children. Choose an animal and a name for the main character. Choose a new adventure each night. You can use this opportunity to teach a lesson (telling the truth), learn about a new skill or have your character take a trip.

### Chore Champ

Take the opportunity to teach your child a new chore. You might be surprised what they can do to help out around the house. Try setting the table, cleaning the bathroom mirrors, dusting, folding towels... the sky is the limit!

### Dirty Dozen

Choose one or more of these 12 mostly outside activities that will either help you get dirty or clean up something that is dirty. 1. Finger Paint 2. Write with shaving cream 3. Eat a messy meal with out a spoon or fork. 4. Plant something. 5. Pull Weeds. 6. Play in the mud. 7. Roll down a hill. 8. Get a large box and paint it. 9. Play in the sand. 10. Wash the car. 11. Wash outside toys, bikes and wagons. 12. Scoop Poop: clean up after your pet in the back yard.

### Exercise Your Mind and Body

Read and exercise every day. Morning, noon or night, any time is the right time to read. Ride bikes, take a walk, swim, go to the park, get moving and stay moving!

### Friday Family Nights

Think of some free and fun ways to spend Friday nights together as a family. Put the ideas in a jar. Pick one each Friday and enjoy time together!

### Game Time

Help your child make a memory game. On one set of index cards write the alphabet in capital letters. On another set of cards write the alphabet in lower case letters. Turn all the cards face down and draw 2 cards. A match is made when both the upper and lower case of the same letter are drawn.

### Hundred Hoopla

Read 100 books! Use the attached chart to keep track!

### I Scream for Ice Cream

Look up a recipe for home made ice cream and make it together.

### Journal Jargon

Have your child keep a journal of all the fun things they did. Let them draw a picture and help them write about it.

### Kids in the Kitchen

Let the kids plan and prepare a meal. Be OK with eating things the kids can easily prepare: PB&J, meat and cheese tortillas, toast.

### Loose in the Library

Join the summer reading program at your library or attend a local story time.

### Math Munchies

Turn snack time into math time. Sort a handful of trail mix into groups, use pretzel sticks to make shapes. Make a fruit salad and graph it on your plate.

### **Night Watch**

Plan a family camp out in the back yard or living room. Read by flashlight, tell stories on sleeping bags.

### **Operation Organization**

Do you like to organize the house in the summer? Tackle one room or project a day. Let little hands help by putting toys away, dusting or even wiping baseboards. See what you can accomplish in 15 minutes!

### **Picture This**

Let your child take pictures through out the summer to record special memories. Make a summer scrap book together. Allow your child to caption the photos.

### **Quiet Quest**

Naps may or may not be a thing of the past, but it is important to have quiet time set aside each day. Ideally this should be time that your child is independent from you but not dependent on TV, movies or video games. If your child doesn't sleep help them find quiet activities they can do on their own. Some ideas are read a book, draw, write or color while listening to quiet music, or work on puzzles.

### **Rainy Day Blues**

Wash away the rainy day blues by staying in your jammies, look through photo albums and talk about special memories.

### **Splish! Splash!**

Collect clean, empty , plastic cups and containers to explore capacity in the bath tub or pool. How can you test to see which containers hold more? Put them in order from the one that holds the most to the one that holds the least.

### **Thankful Thursdays**

Look back on your week and make a list of things you are thankful for. Keep adding to it each week.

### **Undercover**

Make a fort out of blankets and sheets. Take an armful of books and a flashlight and enjoy reading "undercover"

### **Vroom, Vroom!**

Take advantage of car time. Find letters in order from A – Z on signs and businesses. Count how many blue, red, green etc. cars you see.

### **Wild About Writing**

Have your children finish writing prompts, write it out for them and let them draw a picture.

### **eXtra, eXtra, Read All About It**

Cut out interesting pictures from newspapers and magazines. Make up stories about them with your child.

### **Yes, Please**

Use this summer to brush up on manners. Make a list of polite words and role play when they should be used.

### **Zip Zap! Snip Snap! Tie That**

Keep little fingers busy this summer with fine motor skill activities

- Zipping, buttoning, and snapping
- What about opening bottles, fruit cups, or individual food packaging?
  - Provide craft paper and scissors and let their creative side shine!
- Shoes tied in knots? This summer is a perfect time to practice tying shoes.

## Booklist

### Look for these books at the library:

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, by Mo Willems  
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late, by Mo Willems  
The Pigeon Wants a Hot Dog, by Mo Willems  
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy, by Mo Willems  
Knuffle Bunny, by Mo Willems  
Knuffle Bunny, Too, by Mo Willems  
Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin  
Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes, by Eric Litwin  
Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons, by Eric Litwin  
Go Away Big Green Monster, by Ed Emberly  
Corduroy, by Don Freeman  
Goldilocks and the Three Bears, retold by Jan Brett  
The Very Clumsy Click Beetle, by Eric Carle  
Three Billy Goats Gruff, retold by Stephen Carpenter  
The Little Red Hen, retold by Jerry Pinkney  
Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?, by Eric Carle  
Hedgie's Surprise, by Jan Brett  
Mrs. Wishy Washy's Farm, by Joy Cowley  
The Hat, by Jan Brett  
The Tale of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter  
Owl Babies, by Martin Waddell  
A House for Hermit Crab, by Eric Carle  
Mister Seahorse, by Eric Carle  
Big Al, by Andrew Clements  
Unlovable, by Dan Yaccarino  
It's the Bear, Jez Alborough  
An Extraordinary Egg, by Leo Lionni  
The Umbrella, by Jan Brett  
Who is the Beast?, by Keith Baker  
Duck in the Truck, by Jez Alborough  
Captain Duck, by Jez Alborough  
Cuddly Duddly, by Jez Alborough  
There's an Alligator Under My Bed, by Mercer Mayer  
Caps for Sale, by Esphyr Slobodkina  
David Gets in Trouble, by David Shannon  
Bill and Pete, by Tomie de Paola  
Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile, by Tomie de Paola  
The Doghouse, by Jan Thomas  
Rhyming Dust Bunnies, by Jan Thomas

## Websites

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)  
[www.literacycenter.net](http://www.literacycenter.net)  
[www.janbrett.com](http://www.janbrett.com)

For parents:

<http://www2.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/index.html>

Kids Activities Blog:

<http://kidsactivitiesblog.com/>

PreKinders: Activities for Pre-K & Kindergarten Kids

[www.prekinders.com](http://www.prekinders.com)