



Activities to Promote Learning This Summer and Every Day!

- Read with your kids every day! Consider creating personalized books.
- Talk to your kids about things you encounter, sharing observations, making predictions and asking them to make their own predictions, present and teach new vocabulary every chance you get.
- Working with Playdough is great to build hand and finger strength. You can even practice forming letters with playdough. It's also fun to write words or letters on a cookie sheet with salt poured on top.
- Let them write on a white board. If hung on a wall, the upright position of the board also helps build shoulder strength as they write.
- Kids usually love writing with smelly markers or colorful pens! Get them their own special notebook and encourage them to "journal" about fun experiences over the summer. You can even print pictures that they can include in their notebook to reference when they look back through their notebook.
- Consider turning on closed captioning on the TV for emerging readers. Our kids are typically strong visual learners! They will see the words on the screen and may begin to recognize them as they hear them and see them.
- Play fun learning games every chance you get! Learning is supposed to be fun! You can search online or Pinterest for simple games that fit almost any need.
- Create a "Word Wall" with an "In Progress" and "You Got It" section. Place flashcards on the wall that the child is working on in the "In Progress" section and move words to the "You Got It" section as they are mastered. Check out the tips on Fast Flash method.
- You can buy sight word flash cards or make your own. Here is a website with a listing of sight words and free printables in Word and PDF format - <https://mrsperkins.com/dolch.htm>. You can easily change the color and make the font bigger and then print them on your own. It is always nice to have more than one set of the same flashcards so you can have your child do matching activities. <https://mrsperkins.com/dolch.htm>
- Any activity that causes your child to cross over midline is beneficial. (Google this for tons of ideas). Print simple removable labels or use index cards and label objects around the house (e.g. door, bed, light, up, down, etc.) Your child will begin to learn the words by sight and associate them with the object just by seeing them constantly. Have fun handing cards to your kids and ask them to "read" the card (helping them if necessary) and then ask them to race and find the object on the card.

Practice Keyboarding

Here are some options of keyboarding websites that you can have your child use to practice keyboarding.

- Alpha Munchies typing Game http://www.abcya.com/kids_typing_game.htm
- elearning for kids (EFK Keyboarding) <https://en.e-learningforkids.org/computer-skills/>
- Keyboarding Games for Kids <https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding-games.html>
- <http://www.gamequarium.com/keyboarding2.htm>
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- www.typingmaster.com/individuals/bubbles.asp