

PARENTS, LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMERTIME FOR READING

We all love summer in Michigan. These months bring warm weather for time at the lake, festivals, hiking, and blueberry and cherry picking. Let's also remember that summer is the perfect opportunity to spend time reading.

There are a number of things we can do to encourage children to read and to develop strong reading and writing skills over the summer.



CONNECT BOOKS TO SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND TRAVEL!

Read books related to your summer activities and trips. If you are heading to the beach, bring along a book about sand castles or marine animals to read..

BE A READING ROLE MODEL.

Make sure your child sees you reading and writing, whether it's reading the morning newspaper or making a shopping list. Talk with your child about what you are currently reading, and about the books you read as a child.

HAVE YOUR CHILD WRITE.

Writing letters to family members, grocery lists and notes helps children connect spoken words to written words.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOKS.

Choosing the right books is important for creating interest. Allow children to express their likes and seek out books that suit their interests. Keeping interest up is important for ensuring success in the summer.

SET A GOAL FOR SUMMER READING.

Goals help us stay on task and thinking of a plan to accomplish our goal is just as important as setting one. Encourage children to set a goal for summer reading. It could be how many books they read each day, for how long it takes them to read each book, or perhaps to read a certain number of books by the end of summer vacation.

MAKE SURE BOOKS ARE AROUND.

Your child will be more likely to pick up a book and read if they are out in the open and easy to reach. Keep them readily available in the kitchen, car, and other locations where your child spends time.

By encouraging your children to engage in summer reading activities, you will help them find lots of fun ways to utilize summertime activities to keep their reading skills in good shape!