



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

TO BUILD LITERACY SKILLS



READING

- Students can read materials in their phonics notebooks.
- Go to the library and have child choose books.
- Read to your child no matter what their age! What should you read?
 - High interest text with rich vocabulary
 - Text that is more difficult than the text your child can read independently
 - Have conversations/ask questions about the book throughout your reading
- Let your child read to you!
 - If they get stuck on a word, don't have them guess – just tell them the word and have them repeat it and they can continue reading.
 - Over the summer many children like to choose books to read (aloud or independently) that parents feel may be too easy. Easier text can help build fluency and sometimes you just want to read for fun!
- After reading a book they could write a book review, have a book chat with a family member, etc.
- Find interesting magazines for kids.
- Practice reading heart words learned during the school year.

SPELLING

- Students can practice spelling words with skills/patterns learned during the year (can use words from their phonics notebooks to dictate)
- Practice spelling heart words learned during the school year
- Make spelling practice fun!
 - Use chalk outside
 - finger writing in shaving cream or whipped cream
 - wet paintbrush on sidewalk/concrete
 - play dough
 - letter stamps
 - dry erase boards

WRITING

- Handwriting practice
- Write letters to friends or family members
- Keep a journal of summer activities and adventures

