

Suggested Summer Educational Growth Opportunities for Kindergarten

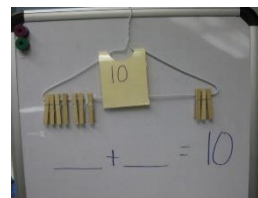
Math

--Students can practice their addition and subtraction making their own simple abacus.

--Play Hopscotch for addition, subtraction, counting by 2s, 5s & 10s.

--Help your child improve their math skills by writing a secret message he or she has to decode to read. First, decide what your message will be, assigning a number to each letter in your message. Create math equations that match the answers needed to reveal the message. Then, create a decoder list that includes each letter of the alphabet your child will use to decode the message.

--Cut out some puddle shapes from blue construction paper, writing a different number on each “puddle”. Have your child jump from one puddle to another in order, counting out loud as he or she goes. Then, do the same thing backward. Practice mental math skills by having them do adding or subtracting and jumping to the puddle with the correct answer. The exercise your child gets with this activity is an added bonus!



Language Arts

--Create a word list, writing each of the words on a sticky note. Hide each sticky note somewhere in the house. Help your child use the word list to search for as many of the words as he or she can find. Each time your child finds a word, ask him or her to read it out loud. Once your child has found all the words, read them again and count how many of each word he or she found. You can also build advanced skills by having your child use the words found to create a sentence or short story.

--Use chalk to help strengthen blending and segmenting. Write ending sounds such as: at, ad, an, it, ed, etc and have your child fill in the first letter then have them read it. (You could even see who can come up with the silliest words.)

--Practice reading and spelling skills and have fun outside at the same time with a chalk word ladder. Write out a word on each empty space of the ladder, and have your child start at the bottom. Each time he or she moves up the ladder, ask your child to sound out the word he or she lands on. When he or she reaches the top, turn around and do the ladder backward. You can also practice counting by swapping the words out for letters.

--Improve vocabulary skills with your child by creating a word jar. Fill a jar with pieces of paper that have a different word on each. Each day, let your child draw a word from the jar and ask him or her to define it. Challenge your child to use that word in his or her conversations throughout the day.

--To help strengthen phonemic segmentation, play a simple game while driving or just relaxing at home. What are all the sounds you hear in this word _____?

--See if they can say all the sounds in the word you gave them and then let them give you a word.

--To reinforcing letters and phonics sounds along with reading, visit:
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Writing

--Have students make a picture and then tell you a story about the picture.
--Make a cookbook using their favorite summer foods.

More Information

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