



Dear Families,

During your child's time away from school, it is important to engage them in fun and educational activities to keep them thinking and learning. In addition to the suggested activities your child's teacher has sent home, we have included some games and activities to keep learning fun and motivating.

It is also important for students to have healthy outlets to channel stress and to regulate emotionally. Hopefully, in trying some of these activities, they will find some that are helpful to them. We often tell students that they have to discover what works for them. Here's to exploring options!

Use the attached BINGO boards to keep learning going all summer! One board is Math, another is Reading, and a third is SEL (Social Emotional Learning)! See if your child can get 5 in a row on each! Then try for DOUBLE BINGO! Can you get a "COVER-ALL"?

We have included additional math and literacy ideas and activities to try if you find a game or activity is too easy or too challenging for your child and don't let the list of ideas limit you! The most important part of these boards is to keep learning, practicing and to have fun!

Sincerely,

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Ideas for Practicing Math Facts & Sight Words



- Make and practice facts or sight words with flashcards
- Math or reading activities on websites
- Roll two dice. Add, subtract or compare the two numbers.
- Use playing cards or sight word cards. Flip two cards. Add, subtract or read the two numbers.
- Practice skip counting (2, 4, 6, 8... or 5, 10, 15, 20...)
- Print out fact practice sheets or a list of sight words. Try to complete as many problems or read as many words as you can in one minute. Try to beat your best score each time.
- Use a 100s chart to find the answer to math problems.



Journal Inspirations for all Subject Areas!

- Write about something that you would want to buy if you had \$20.00 to spend. Why?
- Numbers are beautiful. Write about your favorite number.
- Pick a spot on the island to sit and observe. Write about the different shapes that you see and describe in detail.
- Write about your favorite sport.
- Write instructions on how to make something (For example, a PB&J sandwich). Give the directions to someone and see if they can follow your directions.
- Watch a sport (in person or on TV). Write about all the shapes and numbers you see. You can also try this as a contest with someone- see who can find the most!
- Every day we use math. You or a family member has already used it today. It may have been addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, time, or money. Explain how math was used today.
- Write about your favorite teacher. Why is he or she your favorite?
- Write about someone who inspired you. What did they do or say?
- What do you hope your next year's teacher is like? Why?
- Write about a special friend. What makes them fun to be around?
- If you could be any animal, what animal would it be? Why?
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Who would you bring?
- Write a letter to your parent/family member to convince them to bring you somewhere. Be sure to give good reasons to support why you should go to this place.
- Write about one thing you like about yourself and why it makes you special.
- Write about your favorite place on Nantucket.
- Which boat to get off-island is better? Why?
- Would you rather fly to get off-island or take the boat? Why?
- What do you want to be when you grow up? Why?
- Write a few word problems. Give it to someone else to solve. (Be sure you know the answer)
- Make a page of math problems. Solve them and have someone check your answers.
- Roll a die 100 times. Keep track of what number you roll the most often. Which number did you roll the most?
- Try a food you have never eaten before. Write about it.
- Make up a crazy sandwich idea with foods in your house. Write about the ingredients. If you are daring, try to make it and take a bite. Was it good? Write about what it tasted like and what you would change if you made it again.



Word Games

Word games have the advantage of being both boredom busters and literacy boosters! There is a word game out there for every child and situation, here are a few ideas.



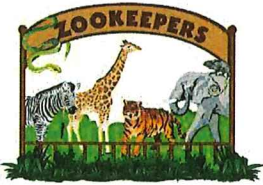
I-Spy

I-Spy can be played with kids of all ages and interests. *The “spy” begins by saying “I-Spy, with my little eye, something beginning with...”* and the other players must guess what the item is. The first person to guess correctly becomes the “spy”. For younger children, you can adapt the game by “spying things” of a particular color.

I Went To The Zoo

To begin, the *first person says, “I went to the zoo and I saw a...”* and they choose an animal. *The next person says “I went to the zoo and I saw a ...”* and they say the first player’s animal and then add one of their own. Players take turns until someone recites the string of animals **incorrectly**.

- You can play many different ways:
 - Using a single letter. If you choose L, all of the animals would begin with L.
 - Using all of the letters of the alphabet, in order. So the first person chooses an animal beginning with A, the second an animal beginning with B, and so on.
 - For older children, you can restrict the animals from a particular continent or type of place.



The Prime Minister’s Cat

To play The Prime Minister’s Cat, children should have a vocabulary large enough to include plenty of adjectives.

The first player begins by saying, “The Prime Minister’s Cat was a ____ Cat” and they add an adjective beginning with *letter A*. You might say “The Prime Minister’s Cat was an attentive cat.” *The next player repeats the process, but with the letter B*, and so on.



Hink Pink

Hink Pink is a word rhyming game. The first player thinks of two words which rhyme, such as “Big Rig” but they do not tell the other players what their words are. *The player then gives a clue to their words*. So, using “Big Rig,” the *clue might be “large truck.”* Other players must then try to guess the rhyming pair.

Shopping List



To play this game, *the first player* says “I’m going to the store to buy _____”, and names a grocery item. They then turn to the player on their left and ask “Do you want anything at the store?”

The second player must ask for something that begins with the last letter of the previous item. If the first item is *dog food* the next person chooses something beginning with D.

The first player then says “OK, I need” and lists the two items. For example, “I need dog food and deodorant” This continues until the “shopper” makes a mistake on their list. The shopper’s role then passes to the person on their left. To make the game easier, players can skip renaming the list.

Words in Words

Each player needs a pencil and paper. One player chooses a long word or compound word and everyone writes it down. Players then write down as many words as they can within an agreed-upon time limit, using the letters in the first word.

One point is awarded for each correct word, and the winner is the one with the most points. Adjust the game difficulty to match the age of the players. You might want to give a list of words to use for the game to get started.

Tutti Frutti

Each player is given a pen and paper. All players take turns to think of a *category such as “animals”*. Each player writes down as many of those things they can think of in a set time (this could also be done orally if you do it quietly or in a different room). The winner is the person with the most items. Make it more difficult for older children by narrowing the category, such as “*animals that begin with the letter P*”.

Mouse and Cheese (Like Hangman)

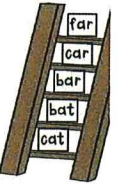


Begin by drawing a zig-zag line to represent steps. Then draw a mouse at the bottom of the steps. One player thinks of a word and draws a series of dashes, one for each letter. Other players take turns naming a letter. If they’re correct the letter is written on the corresponding dash.

If the guess is incorrect, you draw an arrow to represent the mouse climbing the stairs. The first player to guess the word wins, or, if the mouse gets to the top, the game is over.

Letter Ladders

Give each player a basic ladder diagram with a word of your choice at the top. Players then change one letter to make a new word and write the new word on the next rung. The winner is the person who gets furthest down the ladder. Make the game more difficult by writing one word at the top, one at the bottom, and challenging your child to get from one to the other by changing a letter at a time.



Secret Codes

Part word game and part undercover shenanigans, secret codes are a good choice for kids who are not yet confident with their independent reading and writing skills. Have kids make secret codes by replacing symbols with letters. Kids can make their own code and write secret messages!

Math Game Ideas

Concentration

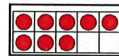
Concentration can be played as a reading game or a math game. To play as a math game, write a math fact on one card and the answer on the other card (You can also create many different variations of this). Place all cards face down on the table. Pick up two cards. If a math fact and the correct answer are picked up at the same time, that is a match! The player keeps the card. The player with the most matches wins!

Other variations (Math or Reading):


- Number on one card, word on the other
- Number on one card, dots representing the number on the other
- Number on one card, ten frame on the other
- Shape on one card, word on the other
- Sight words: 2 of the same word
- Homophones/homonyms
- Vocabulary with words and definitions
- Letters: one uppercase letter and one lowercase letter
- Letters that match with a picture that starts with the first sound
















Ten Frame/What Equals Ten?

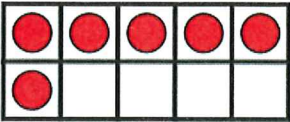








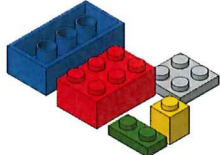





Make a ten frame (5 boxes on top, 5 on bottom) for each player. Each player rolls 2 dice or uses the number cards from a deck of cards. At the same time, each player rolls or draws cards. If the number equals ten, the player gets a point. The first player to ten points wins! (Keep counters nearby to keep track of your points in the ten frame or use the ten frame to help you add the numbers from the cards or dice if needed.)

Do your best to do every activity on this board to keep your **READING** brain learning all summer long! See how many times you can fill the whole board this summer!! 

| R | E | A | D | ! |
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| <p>Play "Prime Minister's Cat" or "Shopping List" (See attached)</p>  | <p>Write a letter or a thank you note to a friend or family member. Deliver it to them or put it in the mail to send it to them!</p> | <p>Read two or more books that are part of a series.</p>  | <p>Collect shells, rocks, or other treasures from the beach. Sort them. Create a display with labels. Write about your collection.</p> | <p>Start a journal. Decorate the cover or first page. Write and draw in your journal. (See list of ideas!)</p>  |
| <p>Read the directions to a game, then play the game. (Game ideas: board games, card games, dice games)</p> | <p>Make words or letters with different things like: Play-Doh, rocks, cereal, shells, pennies, etc</p>  | <p>Read a book about a sport (BONUS: play the sport or teach someone about it!)</p> | <p>Read a recipe (BONUS: make the recipe!)</p>  | <p>Get a book you have never read. (Try to get it from the Book Mobile, Atheneum, a Little Library, a friend)</p> |
| <p>Make a "To Do" list of all the things you want to do. Check them off as you do them.</p>  | <p>Make puppets and have a puppet show. Challenge: write a script and perform the script!</p> | <p>FREE</p>  | <p>Go to the Atheneum. Borrow a non-fiction book and a fiction book. Do the <i>Story Walk</i> in the Garden.</p> | <p>Read 10-15 labels on things around your house.</p>  |
| <p>Play a word game: Scrabble Games Zingo Snap it Up Boggle Pop (See attached)</p> | <p>Call a relative or family friend and talk about a book you have read.</p>  | <p>Write a short story. A story should have: characters and a problem. How is the problem solved? Where does your story take place?</p> | <p>Find a short poem or nursery rhyme. Try to memorize it and recite it to someone.</p>  | <p>Go on a word hunt around your house. Write down all the words you can find that start with a vowel. (Challenge: write down all the words that have a vowel team in the word.) Be sure to check the kitchen!</p> |
| <p>Use a hula hoop, jump rope or hop to a favorite rhyme, or as you count or chant the alphabet.</p>  | <p>Use old magazines or newspapers to make a collage that uses pictures and words. It could be about you, Nantucket, a pet or anything!</p> | <p>Read a book outside!</p>  | <p>Write the shopping list for your family before the trip to the store. Help with the shopping and read the labels at the store.</p> | <p>Play "I went to the Zoo" (See attached)</p>  |

Do your best to do every activity on this board to keep your MATH brain learning all summer long! See how many times you can fill the whole board this summer!! 🌈🎉

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| <p>Play Ten Frame (See attached)</p> <p>Ten Frame</p>  | <p>Start at 100. Roll two dice. Subtract the sum. The first person to get zero wins!</p> | <p>Play a board game at home that uses dice on a rainy day!</p> <p>(Yahtzee, Bump, or another)</p>  | <p>Bake or cook using math! Find a recipe and measure out the ingredients. What if you want to double the recipe? (Like 24 muffins instead of 12).</p> | <p>Write the numbers 1 - 11 on a beach ball or another large ball. When a player catches the ball, add or subtract the two numbers that your hands are touching.</p>  |
| <p>Read a math picture book! (Some to try: <i>7 ate 9</i>, <i>One Hundred Hungry Ants</i>, <i>Math Curse</i>)</p> | <p>Find and collect shells or rocks at the beach. How many did you find? Count by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's</p>  | <p>Go on a number scavenger hunt! Find all the numbers you can on license plates and signs while you are in the car.</p> | <p>Find coins from around the house. Sort the coins and count them. How much money do you have?</p>  | <p>Play Deep Sea Duel</p> <p>Deep Sea Duel - Illuminations</p>  |
| <p>Solve a Sudoku puzzle!</p>  | <p>Choose a math game to play! (see attached)</p> | <p>FREE</p>  | <p>Get a pile of coins. Show all the ways to make:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 15 cents 2) 20 cents 3) 50 cents | <p>Make a "Wish List" of things you want for your birthday, Christmas or things you are saving your money for. How much money do you need?</p> |
| <p>How many days of summer are there? Use a calendar to count! How many days are left until school starts?</p> | <p>Take a math hike and look for different geometric shapes.</p>  | <p>Use objects or small toys at home to practice counting</p> <p>Make groups of ten.</p> | <p>Make a pattern with legos or blocks.</p>  | <p>Play Concentration (See attached)</p> <p>Concentration - Illuminations</p> |
| <p>Write numbers or math equations in chalk outside!</p>  | <p>Play math Go Fish with a deck of cards. Try to make pairs that add to 10.</p> | <p>Try out a math app on the computer or tablet!</p>  | <p>Practice making numbers or number sentences with play dough! Or write them in rainbow colors.</p> | <p>Practice telling time on an analog clock. How many minutes in an hour?</p>  |

Do your best to do every activity on this board to grow your SEL skills!



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| <p>Social and Emotional Learning</p> | <h1>S</h1> | <h1>E</h1> | <h1>L</h1> | <h1>!</h1> |
| <p>Read!</p> | <p>Go on a mindful walk.</p> | <p>Garden</p> | <p>Visit museums</p> | <p>Write a creative story!</p> |
| <p>Practice yoga</p> | <p>Watch a movie.</p> | <p>Make a scrapbook.</p> | <p>Create a chore chart.</p> | <p>Cook or bake!</p> |
| <p>Volunteer</p> | <p>Paint</p> | <p>FREE</p> | <p>Draw</p> | <p>Go to the park!</p> |
| <p>Make a vision board.</p> | <p>Ride your bike!</p> | <p>Eat ice cream!</p> | <p>Draw on the sidewalk!</p> | <p>Have a picnic!</p> |
| <p>Stargaze!</p> | <p>Play with friends!</p> | <p>Help out at home.</p> | <p>Call a favorite relative!</p> | <p>Send a letter to someone you love!</p> |