

Special Education/Intervention/Learning for Life
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Please remember to take some time this summer to read. The links below provide some resources your family can use to promote literacy during the summer months. Happy reading!

Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL) Recommended Book Lists:

<https://www.fcpl.org/programs-events/summer-reading/summer-reading-booklists>

Black Eyed Susan Nominees

<https://www.maslmd.org/current-nominees>

Reading Rockets Summer Themed Book Lists

<https://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme>

Time for Kids-Provides news articles on a variety of topics which is written for a student audience.

<https://www.timeforkids.com/>

Learning for Life

Preschool

Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here. It seems like only yesterday that we were setting off on our preschool adventure together! It has been a pleasure to be part of your children's tremendous growth this year. For all of our students moving on to new learning experiences, we will enjoy our last week of fun and learning together. For those who will be returning to us in the fall, we look forward to another great year together. We appreciate the opportunity to continue being part of your children's learning journey.

The following link serve as great resources to help make summer learning fun

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/shared-drives>

Special Education

Important Dates:

- May 29th – No School (Memorial Day)
- Last Day of School is June 2nd – It is a 2 hour early dismissal
- Quarter 4 IEP Progress Reports will be sent home through email or with report cards on June 2nd

Summer is a great time to allow students to refresh from a long year of learning. We encourage families to find organic ways to incorporate learning into summer. Below is a list of organic ways you can infuse learning into your child's day:

- Playing with sidewalk chalk to practice writing
 - You can practice spelling sight words, writing letters, or even practice cursive handwriting
- Reading a story
 - This can help your child to practice decoding words.
 - Questions can be posed to help your child continue to practice reading comprehension.
- Board games
 - This can help your child with adding, subtracting, counting money, etc.
 - This also helps with social interactions, such as turn taking and cooperation.
- Baking/Cooking
 - Reading directions
 - Fractions
- Drawing
 - This can help with fine motor skills.
- Journaling
 - This allows your child to have free writing time where they can focus on producing ideas.

Speech Therapy

Summertime is a great time to use fun activities to target social skills, language, and articulation skills. Your child can work on their articulation by labeling things within their environment that feature their target sounds at the word, phrase, and sentence levels. This could be a great opportunity for a game of I Spy! This same activity can be used for targeting language skills – encourage your child to find things within their environment and use sentences to talk about them. They can focus on describing them using sentences of increased length, discussing their category, describing them using adjectives or their purpose, comparing and contrasting them with other objects, and/or producing a definition for the object. Encourage your children to play with friends over the summer and engage in conversations with friends. Encourage them to ask questions and make comments with their friends to support reciprocal conversation skills. When playing at playgrounds, parks, and similar locations, you can support your child in building friendships by encouraging them to greet other children and initiate conversations!