



Summer Literacy 2008

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The following activities can help you and your child focus on the fun in literacy this summer. Pick a week or a day and share.

School starts
September 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ask questions while reading together. "What will happen next?"	Go to the library together to choose books to read together at home.		Model reading share what you're reading with your child.	Set up a reading area in your child's room or family room.	Create a list of things to do this weekend together.	Welcome wordless books into your collections.
Relate something from a story to real life.	Write a letter from your pet to yourself.	Give hints when your child gets stuck on a word.	Read the weekly newspaper and find out what events are going on this weekend.	Write a letter to a relative in another city or town.	Have a movie night together. Talk about the plot and the characters.	
Tell your child it's okay to make mistakes when reading.	Take your child to a bookstore, browse the shelves.	Write a note to your child. Ask for a written response.		Go for a walk find all the signs of literacy in your neighborhood.	Read the want ads. Look for a garage sale to buy books at.	Ask your child to tell you a story.
Retell a story with your child.		Make time to talk with your child about what they did today.	Draw a picture about a favorite book.	Kids love to receive mail. Send your child a subscription to a magazine.	Write a biography about yourself.	Enjoy the Saturday comics together. Share your favorite comics.
Look up a site on the web try: www.ucalgary.ca/~dKbrown/	Sing and recite nursery rhymes with your child. Sing them with silly rhymes.		Read a cereal box at breakfast.	Act out a scene from your child's favorite book.	Write some captions about your summer photos.	Ask your child what activities for literacy she/he would like to do next cycle.



Spend a few minutes each day for a lifetime of pleasure