

Dear EC3 Parents,

Summertime is the perfect time for fun! Children can learn while they play inside and out. Please make reading together, playing games and exploring part of your summer.

Here are some ideas for including summer learning:

1. Create a "fun bucket" full of various materials. Some suggestions: chalk, crayons, paintbrushes, pasta, ABC magnets, cards, Cheerios, yarn, glue sticks, shape stickers, tissue paper, pom poms, shaving cream, washable paint, construction paper, magazines, blunt edge scissors, bubbles, etc. Use your imaginations and create together!
2. Read anytime and anywhere. Take turns ... read your child a book and then let them 'read' it back to you.
3. Cook. It's an enjoyable way to promote math, science and language. Don't forget to share the responsibility of cleaning up!
4. Games. It's a fun way to foster thinking and to promote rule following, playing fair and taking turns.
Try: ABC matching games, number games, counting objects to ten, rhyming word games, pattern making, etc. (hint: use items from the bucket)
5. Go outside for exercise, play and exploration. Invent a sound spy game (i.e. hunt for objects/do motions that start with the letter 'R' such as rock, road, run, etc.), shape search game (i.e. hunt for objects that look like a circle such as a ball, hula hoop, bike wheel, etc.) or take a walk in the park and explore nature.

Have a wonderful summer full of fun (and a lot of learning)!

XOXO Morah Debbie