



May Literacy News

Tips for Summer Reading

To foster your child's reading development during the summer, we encourage you to incorporate some of these ideas into your daily/weekly summer routine.

- Read aloud with and to your child every day.
- Review with your child the materials (sight words, books, poems, etc.) teachers have sent home during the school year.
- Visit the library weekly to check out books and/or tapes. Be sure to get some non-fiction books, too. Occasionally choose a book that is just above your child's reading skills to challenge him to improve.
- Practice saying the sounds of each letter in a word, and then blending the sounds together to say the word.
- Practice retelling stories, saying what happened first, next, and last.
- Have your child attend summer school, if his teacher so recommends.

Research and experience have shown that children will lose their hard-won academic skills if they are not practiced regularly during the summer months.