

Summer Reading Made Simple

Helping Your Child Read All Summer Long

Welcome

- Why summer reading matters
- Steps to build a simple summer routine
- Fun reading games to play
- Easy rewards to motivate your children to want to read

Let's Chat

What makes summer reading hard?

Type in the chat or share out loud:

- Busy schedules?
- Screen time?
- Vacations?
- Finding time to read?
- Mama wants to rest too!

There are no wrong answers!

Why Summer Reading Matters

Children who read during the summer:

- Keep their reading skills strong
- Learn new words
- Learn more about the world
- Feel confident when school starts

A Simple Truth

Summer reading does NOT have to feel like school.

Reading can happen:

- At home
- In the car
- At the park
- At the store
- Before bed

Every small moment counts!

Building A Reading Habit

Connect reading to something you already do.

Read:

- After breakfast
- Before screen time
- Before bed
- Before practice
- While waiting for food

*This is called a **reading routine**.*

Ideas for Creating a Reading Routine

1 min → Read page and ask one question

5 min → Read one book

10 min → Read one book and talk about the story

15 min → Read one book and play a reading game

Consistency matters more than time

Reading Game 1

Reading Treasure Hunt

Find something:

1. That starts with B (or the /b/ sound)
2. That rhymes with cat
3. That is red
4. And it is outside

Make reading a game!

Reading Game 2

Character Detective

After reading ask:

1. Who was in the story?
2. What happened?
3. How did the character feel?

Talking about books helps children better understand what they read.

Reading Game 3

Word Detective

Find:

- A new word
- A funny word
- A favorite word

Try to use the word as many times as possible that day!

Reading Game 4

Family Read & Tell

Everybody in the home reads something during family reading time.

Then share:

- One thing you learned
- One favorite part

Reading can be a family activity.

Rewards Your Family Already Uses

Reading rewards do NOT have to cost money.

Reading can earn:

- Picking the ice cream place
- Choosing movie night
- Choosing music in the car
- Choosing the park
- Choosing family game night
- Choosing dinner

Example of a Reading Goal and Reward

Goal

→ Read:
10 minutes a day

OR

→ 5 days this week

Reward

→ Pick the ice cream place

OR

→ Pick the family outing

Create Your Family Reading Plan

This summer we will read:
_____ minutes each day

We will read:

- ☐ After breakfast
- ☐ Before screen time
- ☐ Before bed
- ☐ Other: _____

Our family reward will be:

Just Remember

Summer reading works best when:

- Reading is part of an easy routine
- Reading is fun
- Families talk about books together
- Rewards are connected to things you already do

This Week's Challenge

Choose:

1. One reading routine
2. One reading game
3. One family reward

Try them this week!

Thank You!

You are your child's first teacher. ❤️
Every minute of reading helps. 📖
Small summer reading habits can make
a BIG difference. ☀️

Thank you for joining us!

Have fun this summer learning and reading
and growing!