

5th Grade Summer Enrichment Activities

- Go on a word hunt for academic vocabulary in your neighborhood
- Visit your local library to check out your favorite book

GO ON A WORD HUNT

This activity helps your child build both reading and counting skills. Create a word list, writing each of the words on a sticky note. Hide each sticky note somewhere in the house. Help your child use the word list to search for as many of the words as he or she can find. Each time your child finds a word, ask him or her to read it out loud. Once your child has found all the words, read them again and count how many of each word he or she found. You can also build advanced skills by having your child use the words found to create a sentence or short story.

BUILD VOCABULARY WITH A WORD JAR

Improve vocabulary skills with your child by creating a word jar. Fill a jar with pieces of paper that have a different word on each. Each day, let your child draw a word from the jar and ask him or her to define it. Challenge your child to use that word in his or her conversations throughout the day. You can adapt this activity for your child's grade level, and help him or her build vocabulary skills by adding more challenging words each week.

PLAY SUMMER READING BINGO

Encourage your child to get reading this summer by creating BINGO reading sheets. First, help your child create a summer reading list. Then, create a BINGO sheet, writing a different reading goal on each of the spots. These goals can be big (finishing a book) or small (read for 15 mins. today). Each time your child meets a goal, cross it off the sheet. Decide on a few prizes that your child will receive when he or she completes a set number of goals (like crossing off an entire row or column). Challenge your child to complete as many BINGO sheets as possible over the summer.

DECODE SECRET MESSAGES WITH MATH

Help your child improve his or her math skills by writing a secret message he or she has to decode to read. First, decide what your message will be, assigning a number to each letter in your message. Create math equations that match the answers needed to reveal the message. Then, create a decoder list that includes each letter of the alphabet your child will use to decode the message. You can even give your child a bit of extra incentive by making the secret message the wifi password for the day!

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BUILD MATCHING AND MATH SKILLS WITH GIANT DICE

Wrap a square tissue box in paper, drawing dots, letters, or shapes on each side. On a separate piece of paper, write or draw each of the items you included on the die. Have your child roll the die, find the matching item on the list, and cross it out. If you have an older child, you can create two dice and turn it into a math game by adding, subtracting, or multiplying the numbers each time the dice are rolled.