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A Weekly Newsletter for Families

May: Week 2
Reading/Literacy

“There is no friend as loyal as a book.”
- Ernest Hemingway

Keep Reading Skills Growing this Summer

Kids may need extra help keeping reading top of mind in the summer.

- Explore your library. Not only can you check out books and magazines, but many libraries have summer reading programs, book clubs and reading contests.
- Find out if local bookstores offer read-aloud times or reading clubs.
- Hold a book swap with other families instead of buying books.
- Listen to audiobooks (available at the library) on car trips.
- Make your own books. Pick one of your family’s favorite parts of summer – whether it’s sports, ice cream, vacation or water activities – and have your child draw or cut out related pictures from magazines and catalogs. Paste the pictures onto paper to make a book, then encourage your child to write text for each page.
- Keep up the reading rituals. Read with your kids every day – at the beach, at the park or pool, or before bedtime.



•• INFANT Inspiration

Learning through Listening – Babies live in a world of voices. They get excited by lively, higher-pitched voices and are soothed by lower, quieter ones. Infants love playing peek-a-boo as they begin to learn that things that are covered up are still there. If you’re raising your baby to be bilingual, introduce objects to your baby and tell them the words for them in both languages

•• TODDLER Tales

Enrich Vocabulary – Toddlers learn language best when adults make eye contact with them and talk about topics that interest them. You can also support language development by letting your toddler hear lots of lively, interesting talk and repeating back your child’s own words and expanding on what they say.

•• PRESCHOOL Power

Better Understanding – Vocabulary is expanding rapidly. You can support this by encouraging your preschooler to talk about a wide range of subjects. Kids this age can understand longer and more complex sentences, including a set of directions like, “Put the puzzle away, find your coat, and meet me at the door.”

