

Summertime and the Living is Easy!

That's how the song goes, but life doesn't always seem that easy. We made it through the school year supporting our students and teachers. Thanks to all the PTA volunteers who made magic happen in all the activities for the year! Now that the kids are out of school, here are some fun ideas for an educational and fun summer.

The ABCs of Summer - learn or review the alphabet and have your kids come up with suggestions of activities they want to do for each letter. Fill out a [summer calendar](#) marking which days you can do them (scroll to the bottom, after the link). It's a great chance to connect with your kids and learn about what interests them.

Making the Most of Summer Reading - The role of families is hugely important in developing literacy skills. In addition to reading with your kids regularly, you can...

- Listen to audiobooks with your kids
- Let your kids read what they want to read – including graphic novels, TV tie-in books, etc.
- Talk to your kids about the books you're reading on your own
- Point out words or features of a book so they begin to recognize the structure of books
- After reading with your kids, ask them open-ended questions like, "What did you think of the story?" and "What did you learn from it?"

Read more at the PTA Our Connections Newsletter

<https://ptaourchildren.org/summer-learning-advice-for-your-kids/>

Prevent Summer Slide

You can do your part to combat the summer slide and increase your child's digital literacy by encouraging them to take advantage of the great educational platforms available. Some good ones include [CrashCourse](#), [TED-Ed](#), [BrainPOP](#), [Khan Academy](#), [Reading Rockets](#), [Reading is Fundamental](#) and [National Geographic Kids](#). Platforms like these cover a wide range of lessons and are useful for kids of all ages and abilities, so your child is sure to find something they like!

(<https://ptaourchildren.org/how-technology-bridges-the-summer-learning-gap/>)