

10 Fun Activities That Will Keep Children's Skills Sharp During the Summer!



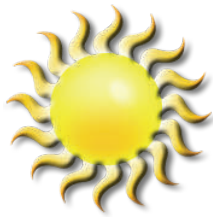
1. Adopt a tree! Keep a journal of photographs, drawings, writings, and things you collect from the tree to show how it changes through the year.

2. Make up silly tongue-twisters together and say them as fast as you can.

3. Write a letter to a family member or friend and mail it – maybe you will get one back!



4. Make a time capsule – include photos, mementos, and a list of your favorite things (movies, books, songs, etc.). Plan a time to open it a year or more from now.



5. Make a sun print! Find several small flat objects and arrange them on a piece of colored construction paper. Leave your design in the sun for several hours, and then remove the objects to reveal a work of art! Don't forget to title your masterpiece.

6. Make up new words to your favorite songs – or your least favorite songs!



7. Communicate with song. For 10 – 15 minutes, sing everything to each other instead of speaking.

8. Write a rebus message. A rebus uses pictures instead of words, for example draw an eye for the word “I” or a honeybee for the word “be”.

9. Together, write the names of all family members and list what each of them does best (tells jokes, rides a bike, reads, etc.); add to the list each week.



10. Make your favorite recipe – together!!

Have fun!