

Green Hedges School

Montessori Summer Learning Recommendations

Summer is a wonderful time for children to explore, play, and learn through everyday experiences. The activities in this packet are designed to help your child maintain important skills while enjoying quality family time. Remember, the best learning at this age happens through play, conversation, exploration, and reading together.

Reading Together Every Day

Try to read with your child for at least 15–20 minutes each day.

Questions to Ask While Reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- Who is your favorite character?
- What was the problem in the story?
- Can you retell the story in your own words?

[Reading Rockets Preschool Read Alouds](#)

[Reading Rockets Kindergarten Read Alouds](#)

Free Online Read-Alouds

- Storyline Online: <https://storylineonline.net>
 - PBS Kids Read-Alouds: <https://pbskids.org>
 - Vooks (free trial available): <https://www.vooks.com>
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Letter & Sound Practice

Letter Hunt

Choose a letter of the week and find it:

- In books
- On signs
- On food packages
- In magazines

Name Practice

Practice:

- Tracing names
- Building names with magnetic letters
- Writing names in sand, shaving cream, or chalk

Heggerty-Style Listening Games

- Rhyming words
 - Clapping syllables
 - Identifying beginning sounds
 - "What word do these sounds make?" (/c/ /a/ /t/)
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Math Around the House

Count Everything

- Stairs
- Cars
- Flowers
- Blocks
- Toys

Practice:

- Counting to 20, 50, or 100
- Number recognition
- Sorting by color, size, or shape
- Comparing more/less

Family Math Games

- Uno

- Dominoes
- Chutes and Ladders
- Memory Match

Online Math Games

- <https://www.abcya.com>
 - <https://www.starfall.com>
 - <https://www.pbskids.org>
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Practical Life Activities

Montessori learning happens through real-life experiences.

Your Child Can:

- Fold laundry
 - Set the table
 - Water plants
 - Sweep
 - Wash fruits and vegetables
 - Organize toys
 - Feed pets
 - Help prepare snacks
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Nature Scavenger Hunt

Can you find:

- A bird
- A flower
- A bug
- A rock
- A leaf

- Something red
- Something yellow
- Something rough

Science Exploration

- Watch clouds
 - Observe insects
 - Grow a plant
 - Visit a park
 - Keep a weather journal
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Create Together

- Watercolor painting
- Sidewalk chalk art
- Nature collages
- Homemade playdough
- Building with blocks
- Puppet shows

Learn to Draw Videos

- <https://artforkidshub.com>
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Fine Motor

Build hand strength by:

- Using tweezers
 - Stringing beads
 - Cutting with scissors
 - Playing with playdough
 - Coloring
 - Tracing shapes
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Writing Journal

Encourage your child to draw and write about:

- A family trip
- A favorite book
- A special day
- Something they learned
- A summer adventure

Remember: invented spelling is encouraged!

Screen-Free Family Activities

- Picnic at the park
 - Family game night
 - Nature walks
 - Visit the library
 - Build a fort
 - Cook together
 - Dance party
 - Backyard camping
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Summer Bucket List

- Read 20 books
- Visit the library
- Have a picnic
- Grow a plant
- Learn a new game
- Write in a journal
- Build something

- Help with chores
 - Visit a playground
 - Make a new friend
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Most importantly, enjoy your summer together! Children learn best through meaningful experiences, conversations, and time spent with the people they love.

Have a wonderful summer filled with learning, laughter, and adventure!