

Summer Learning Opportunities for children ages 4-5 years old.....

Literacy

- ▲ Trips to Library- check out books that the child is curious about or wants to know more information about a topic... check out books related to a vacation...check out books in the fables/fairy-tales section, follow the child's interests in picture books and choose one that you like! Also, look for early readers.
- ▲ Read aloud and ask who, what, where, when why, and how...questions.
- ▲ Play eye-spy on walks and trips, and look for letters, words and signs.
- ▲ Play rhyming games, list short rhyming words, read rhyming books.
- ▲ Ask... I wonder what letter that starts with.....What is the beginning sound? ending sound?
- ▲ List and read names of members of your family, color words, number words....
- ▲ Talk about experiences in depth, ask questions....and listen attentively.

Numeracy

- ▲ Create collections with the child of shells, rocks, buttons, tiles, nuts and bolts etc....., and then count, sort, describe properties, add, take away.
- ▲ Play simple card and board games
- ▲ Identify numbers 1-10, 20, write numbers 1-10, count together as high as possible.
- ▲ Read math picture books.
- ▲ Use measurement tools together- rulers, tape measure, scales, measuring cups.
- ▲ Work on puzzles together, Identify coins and talk about their value.
- ▲ Ask problem solving questions... ex: How many do you have? Who has more? Less?

Writing

- ▲ Practice writing name with capital first letter and lowercase.
- ▲ Practice writing letters, upper and lowercase.
- ▲ Conversation, language and discussions....lead to good writers too!

Motor

- ▲ Provide many outdoor play opportunities at parks, playgrounds...plan a playdate there.
- ▲ Have fun outside all summer!
- ▲ Consider swimming lessons.
- ▲ Ride bikes.
- ▲ Throw, catch and kick balls.
- ▲ **Limit screen time.**
- ▲ Hopping galloping and skipping games.
- ▲ Build with small and large building toys.
- ▲ Use tools and toys that require constructing in an open-ended way, or following directions.
- ▲ Write...in the sand, with paint brushes, chalk.
- ▲ Write on paper with crayons, pencils, markers.
- ▲ Playdough, clay and sand play.

Bridge books can be found at Amazon and/or Barnes and Noble.