

## **Summer Reading and Enrichment Activities**

As the school year ends, we look ahead to summer fun in the sun with friends and family. Summer break is filled with all sorts of opportunities to support the literacy development of your preschooler. Providing summer access to books at home is critical in helping your child's language development. Various summer reading programs around the CSRA will engage all ages with developmentally appropriate literacy activities to support vocabulary development, social-emotional learning, and a love of reading.

**[This link will connect you to the summer reading programs in the CSRA, along with other fun activities for your family.](#)**

In addition, regular trips to the library allow children to choose books that interest them, and research shows that kids love reading books they have chosen.



The benefits of summer reading include *building reading comprehension skills, increasing vocabulary, developing reading fluency, and a greater understanding of the world around them*. Reading fiction and non-fiction allows children to experience make-believe stories. It provides opportunities to learn more about something they are fascinated with, such as dinosaurs, buildings, nature, or animals.



In addition, there are social-emotional benefits to reading with your child. Shared reading helps children understand people who are different from them, helps them develop empathy, and allows them to see themselves and others through the characters. Most families believe book characters and discussions during reading can help their children develop the qualities they value and want to promote in their family.

All this to say that reading matters! Wherever your summer plans take you, whether away on vacation or enjoying time at home, we hope you will carve out time to read with your child daily.



