

Summer Literacy Activities for Students Entering 1st Grade - July

Cut words out of the newspaper or a magazine that you know.	Visit the public library. Choose new books.	Watch a nature program on TV. Talk about what you learned.	Play "Simon Says". Encourages listening skills.	Practice Reading word cards.	Read a book to or with someone.	What is your favorite fairy tale? Retell it to someone.
Choose 6 words from the word cards. Make a sentence using each one.	Write your first and last name. Underline the first letter of your name. Circle the last letter of your name.	Read the letters/words on the cereal box, cracker box, etc,	Walk around the kitchen and write the names of the things you see.	Play "I Spy" outside with your friends.	Tell someone your favorite part of the day.	Read a book together with someone before bed.
Write a simple sentence Have your child read the sentence. Cut sentence apart and have child put it back in the correct order,	Visit the public library library. Choose new books.	Before reading a book, ask your child the following: Show me the front of the book, back of the book, and first word on a page.	Word cards. Read through words as quickly as possible. Choose 3 words ask: How many letters in this word, what is the first letter, what is the last letter.	Read a story. Make puppets out of small paper bags. Put on a puppet show.	Talk to your child about the things you did in the summer as a child.	Read a poem. Let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.
Have your child plan a fun family activity.	Read a new book or an old favorite to your child.	Sit outside just before dark. What sounds do you hear? Look at the sky, what do you notice?	Go outside in the morning. What sounds do you hear? Look at the sky, what do you see that is different than the night sky?	Focus on any word cards that are tricky. Write the words 3 times in different colors. Limit to 3 words. Work with others later.	Make a card for a family member or friend.	Practice writing your name and other words you know with water outside on the sidewalk, driveway, etc.

