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K – 3rd Grade Summer Literacy Activities

Summer is a great time to do some fun and creative literacy activities with your student and avoid the “summer slip.” The activities listed below can be done with few to no materials at all; some can be done in one sitting while others can be a long-term project that your student can work on over several days or weeks.

- **Write a Poem** – Try different styles (e.g. haiku, limerick, rhyming, etc.). Try writing sad, silly, happy, scary poems!
- **Book Report** – Write a book report. Be creative! Try a tri-fold report.
- **Illustrate It Yourself** – Draw your own pictures to go along with your favorite story.
- **Word Games** – Do a word search, crossword, or Madlib.
- **Write a Review** – Write a review of a book, movie, TV show, etc. Make it at least five sentences.
- **Write a Letter** – Write a letter to a relative, President Obama, a teacher, your tutor, etc. (If possible, send the letter!)
- **Punctuation Change** – Write down five simple sentences. Read each sentence with different punctuation at the end and see how it affects the tone and meaning of the sentence.
- **Rhyming** – Pick a word and see how many other words your student can think of that rhyme with that word. Repeat with different words!
- **Dream Vacation** – Write down where in the world you would most like to visit. Why there? What would you do there? What is the weather like? What is the food like? How do you get there?
- **City Planning** – Write a letter to your mayor with a suggestion for improving your city. Send the letter!
- **Sight Words** – Play bingo with sight words
- **Sentence Fireworks** – Write 4-5 sentences about July 4th in the shape of fireworks.
- **Word Scavenger Hunt** – Walk around and find words that start with a particular letter, have ‘x’ number of syllables, two words that rhyme, etc.
- **Natural Letters** – write letters out in rocks, sticks or leaves.
- **Geography** – Randomly pick a city/state/country and find out 5-10 facts about it.
- **Up Close Observation** – Find something in nature, draw a picture of it, and then do a close observation of it. Write at least three sentences about what you discovered.
- **Magazine Collage** – Cut out letters and pictures of objects beginning with that letter. Make a collage.
- **Newspapers** – Read and discuss an article with your tutor.
- **Extra, Extra** – Write a newspaper article about a local event, holiday, sporting event, etc.
- **My Menu** – Write out your dream menu including drinks, desserts, entrees, and sides.
- **Word Scramble** – Use the letters of a big word to make little words (e.g. lumberjack or kickboxing).
- **Fan Mail** – Write a fan mail letter to your favorite celebrity. Tell them why you are a fan of their work. If possible, send it!
- **Acronyms** – Make acronyms with your names (e.g. Mike → **M**asterful, **I**ntelligent, **K**ind, **E**nergetic).
- **Read, read, and read!** – Summer provides you with ‘extra’ time to enjoy longer books.

BONUS: Summer Literacy Activity Bingo Board

- Complete a row of the listed Summer Activities by the start of school and get a prize!
- Complete blackout gets you a special prize!!