

# Kindergarten Summer Fun Activities

## Math Development

**Number Sense** - Divide a paper plate into six equal sections and label the sections from one to six by drawing on sets of dots. Write a numeral from 1 to 6 on each of six spring-type clothespins. Let the children take turns clipping the clothespins to the matching numbered sections on the circle.

**Number Book** - Make a blank book for each child by stapling 10 pieces of white paper together with a colored paper cover. Write "My Counting Book" and the child's name on the front. Number the pages in the book from 1 to 10. Let your children look through magazines or catalogs and tear or cut out small pictures. Then have them glue one picture on the first page of their books, two pictures on the second page and so on.

**Traffic Counts** – Count together while waiting for a traffic light. See if you can alternate the counting.

## Literacy Development

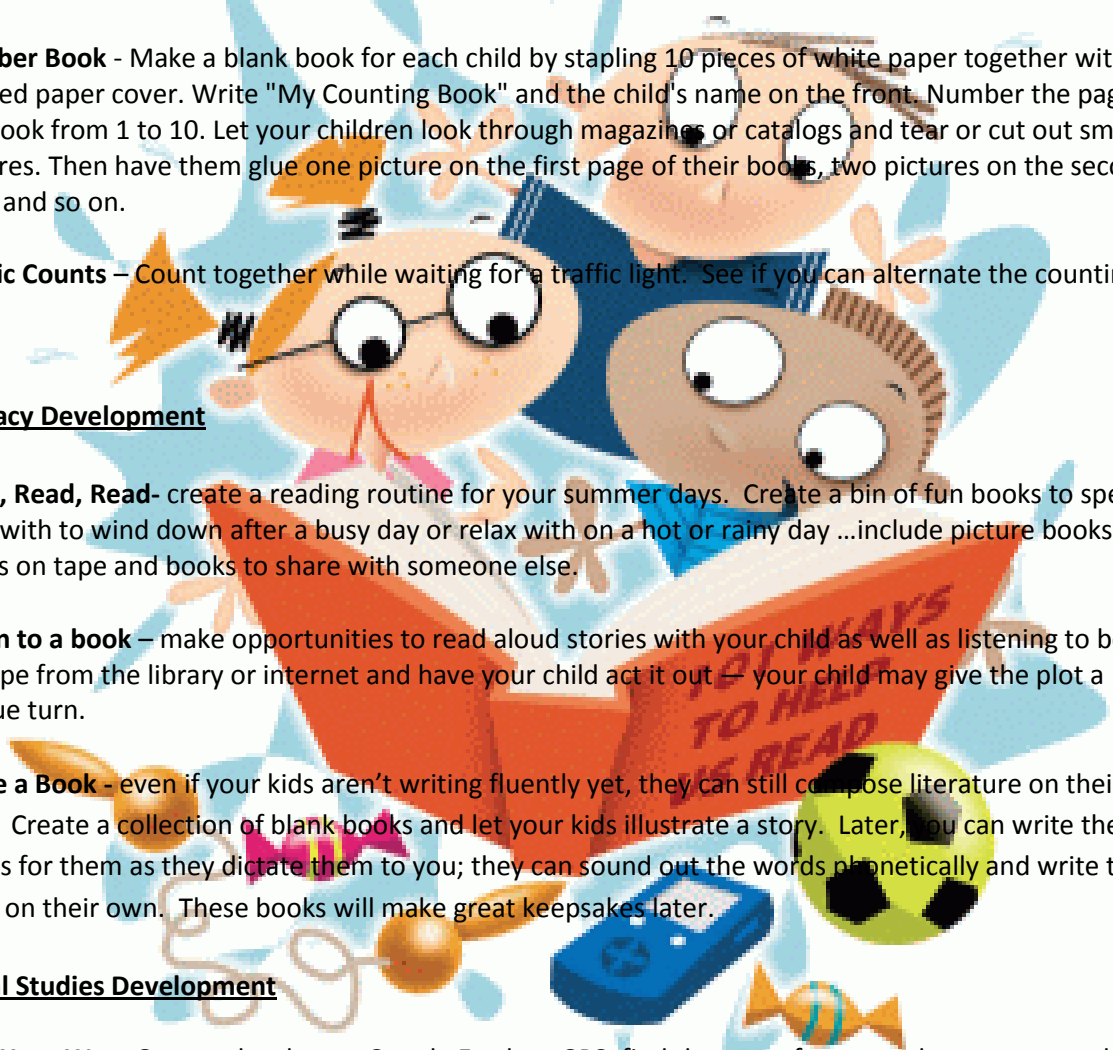
**Read, Read, Read-** create a reading routine for your summer days. Create a bin of fun books to spend time with to wind down after a busy day or relax with on a hot or rainy day ...include picture books, books on tape and books to share with someone else.

**Listen to a book** – make opportunities to read aloud stories with your child as well as listening to books on tape from the library or internet and have your child act it out – your child may give the plot a unique turn.

**Write a Book** - even if your kids aren't writing fluently yet, they can still compose literature on their own. Create a collection of blank books and let your kids illustrate a story. Later, you can write the words for them as they dictate them to you; they can sound out the words phonetically and write the story on their own. These books will make great keepsakes later.

## Social Studies Development

**Map Your Way-** On your local map, Google Earth or GPS, find the route from your house to your child's new school, from school to afterschool care if applicable, and then to home again. Using the map as a guide, help your kindergartner draw the route. As you go, have your child paste on the pictures of your house, school, and afterschool care where they belong. Talk, talk, and talk some more as you go, about how you'll get from one place to another, who will be along, and where you're going. Do the same thing when you get to the school and to afterschool care, and be sure to leave plenty of time for any questions he may have.



## Vocabulary Development

**Feely Box** - Use any box that closes or has a lid, a shoebox is ideal. Cut a hole in the side of the box large enough for a child's hand to fit inside. Place an object inside the box and see if they can guess what it is. If they can't guess right away, let them ask questions or provide them with clues using their senses until they figure it out. Ask them to describe the object.

**Hide the Object** - Using any ordinary object (stuffed animal, water bottle, toy, etc), play this fun hide and seek game with your children. Simply have your child hide their eyes, then place the object somewhere in plain view (on the fireplace mantel, on top of the TV, near the front door, etc) and then give them clues using positional words as clues. (Over, under, behind, beside, around, beneath, etc.)

**Never Ending Adjectives** - Ask your child to point out an object, then takes turns coming up with adjectives for that object. For example, you may say "a ball", your child would say "a big ball". The game might continue with "a big round ball", "a big round bouncing ball", "a big round bouncing white ball" and end with "a big round bouncing white beach ball".

## Science Development

**Rain Gauge**- study many things about your own weather. Make a rain gauge and track the amount of rain you get in different storms or in different months of the year. Cut a ruler in half so it can fit in a quart jar and measure rain up to six inches. When it is going to rain, place your jar in an open area where it can collect rain. After it rains, see how much rain actually fell. You may want to record the amount of rainfall you get for several rains. You could keep track of rainfall for an entire month.

**Container Gardening** - Gardening fosters children's interest in nature, encourages healthy food choices, and provides a great opportunity for experiential, kinesthetic learning. Your child will participate in the complete growing cycle: from planting seeds and watching them sprout to caring for the plants as they mature and reaping the results. Once the seedlings have developed, transplanting them to your garden or to larger pots is a snap—just cut the egg carton sections apart and place the entire piece, egg carton and all, in the ground. The egg carton will disintegrate and your plants will continue to grow! Use a ruler and a notebook to track the growth of your plants.

## Internet Activities

Preschool Math - <http://www.ixl.com/math/grade/pre-k/>

Language Arts – [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

Public Broadcasting – [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)

Assorted Games - <http://games.pppst.com/preschool.html>