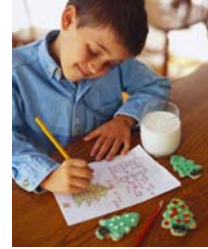




## Summer Reading/Writing Activities



- Set aside time for the whole family to read together. Talk about what is being read or make journal entries.
- June is National Safety Month. Write a list of good summer safety habits.
- Investigate <http://www.mdedmedia.org> for information about Maryland Black Eyed Susan Book Awards. Choose one to read.
- Read a scary story with the lights out, using a flashlight.
- Read the directions to your favorite board game. Have you been playing correctly?
- Read a book about airplanes. Make paper airplanes out of different materials or add on different accessories. Graph the distances they fly.
- Using chalk, draw a picture on the sidewalk or driveway. Write a story about your picture.
- Read a book of jokes or riddles. Write some of your own.
- Read about insects or plants. Look for the ones you read about.
- Summer is a great time to fly kites. Read about kites and how they are made.
- Read brochures about a place you would like to visit. You can write to the Chamber of Commerce to ask for information.
- Write about a place you and your family have visited.
- Write/email letters to family or friends who live in different places from you.
- Many poems have been written about summer. Read a book of poems that contains some about summer.
- You can see many constellations and stars in the night sky. Read a book about them and try to identify the ones you see.
- Listen to a book on tape. Follow along with the text.
- Listen to a story online by clicking on e-books at <http://www.fcpl.org>.
- Read a book of historical fiction. Write about the setting. Would you like to live at that time? Why or why not?
- Read a book of nursery rhymes to a younger friend or family member.

- Read the grocery store ads in the newspaper. Help an adult make a grocery list based on the ads.
- Help with the laundry! Read the washing instructions for your favorite outfit.
- Read menus from favorite restaurants. Make a menu for your own restaurant.
- Read one of Aesop's fables.
- Write about a family photograph.
- Read the directions and make a side dish or dessert for your family.
- Select a wordless book. Make up your own text to match the illustrations.

