

FIND WHAT FIRE-WORKS



Here are some great ideas to help your child get ready for their return to school!

Reading

Interactive Read Aloud

Read a chapter book or picture book to your child and make it an interactive opportunity with discussions. Based on the cover, make a prediction about who the story is about, where and when the story takes place, and what the plot is. Be sure to take a moment to stop and ask questions about the text and demonstrate to your child that good readers are always thinking about what they are reading.

Road Sign Game

As you and your child are traveling a short or long distance, see how many letters of the alphabet your child can spot on road signs, how many letter sounds he/she can identify on the signs you pass, or how many words your child can read on the signs. This is a great I Spy activity, too, and is also a fantastic game for wait time in the airport!

Epic

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Game Time

Turn any board game or card game into a reading game! Use an old Candy Land game and write sight words or phonics patterned words on the cards. Then, play following the regular instructions, just have your child read each word on the cards drawn. This also works well for letter sounds and letter recognition.

Some of my favorite games to turn into learning games are Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Checkers, and Sorry!

Consistency is Key!

If you want your child to obtain better literacy skills, dedicate 20-30 minutes daily to reading based activities. Children who are read and are read to daily develop better vocabulary, fluency, phonemic awareness, and comprehension skills.

Math

Basic Math Facts

Building math fact fluency in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division truly helps form the foundation for success in mathematics. Basic fact automaticity will aide your child in school when learning new, higher level math skills. This applies to all elementary students, whether they are learning how to solve simple story problems or learning how to multiply two 5 digit numbers. A great and free digital resource for math fact practice is home.xtramath.org.

Summer Bridge Activities

This low time commit resource can make all the difference in your child's retention of previously learned math skills. The company suggests 15 minutes per day of daily practice. The grade level activity books can be purchased at summerbridgeactivities.org, carsondellosa.com, and amazon.com.

Short on time?

If you're finding yourself short on time or too busy during the summer time to work on learning skills with your child, try our Individualized Instruction Tutoring Program or Rethink Reading Specialized Dyslexia Instruction. Both programs are offered through our office by a licensed teacher.