

Preventing Summer Slide by Mrs. Miner May 2017

These are examples of what I do with my own children during the summer to prevent summer slide.

Plan a trip: If you are going on a day trip or family vacation, I have my children research the place we are going – look up on the Internet what they want to do there and write it down. Look at a map to see location on map. Have them use MapQuest to find best route, mileage and time it will take to get there. Create a budget for meals, hotel and have them help research the best deals.

Plan a lemonade stand: Create a menu, shopping list, use fractions to bake cookies, create price list, advertise the sale, learn how to make change when dealing with customers, and then donate funds to a charity after they pay for the supplies.

Flashcards (make your own or buy from dollar store or Target or online math fact websites): Keep practicing fact fluency over the summer.

KCLS Reading program – They have an elementary and teen program for kids to log daily reading minutes and earn cool prizes. My kids chose one day a week as library day and we go each week to check out books, just like they are used to at school. The library will check out to you a book bag to use for library books for the summer.

Sketchbook, pencil, and colored pencils – we keep this in the car and take it everywhere we go in the summer to sketch outside or in the car. Sketching is great for creativity, fine motor skills, and drawing/writing skills. It is also a calming/relaxing activity.

Writing journal: We make or purchase from the Dollar Store a composition book and we write a couple of times a week about our summer activities. I have a writing journal too and we all write together so that the kids see it modeled. I don't fix spelling or grammar...just let them write!

Most important: Spend time with your child – be present with them – read, laugh, run, and play. There are only a few summers before your children will be busy during the summer with friends, sports, summer jobs, and then move away. Enjoy this summer with them!