

# 10 TIPS TO HELP YOU PLAN FOR SUMMER LEARNING



Talk to your child's teacher about summer learning:

- 1 Ask for a summer homework packet.
- 2 Ask for a summer reading list.
- 3 Ask for recommendations for high-quality online programs. If your teacher used an online reading or math program during the school year, ask if it will be available throughout the summer.



Talk to your child's principal, assistant principal, or guidance counselor about summer learning:

- 4 Ask if the school library will be open during the summer.
- 5 Ask if the school or school district offers any summer programs.
- 6 If your child receives special education services during the school year, ask what services will be available during the summer.
- 7 If your child is eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program, ask if meals will be served during the summer and when and where.



Research what's available (and affordable) in your community:

- 8 Most libraries have a free summer reading program with prizes and rewards for children who read throughout the summer. They often have free organized activities as well. If your child doesn't already have a library card, sign him or her up for one. They're free!
- 9 Check with local non-profit organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, park districts, and the YMCA – most run camps throughout the summer. Some programs may be low-cost or free.



Consider what's already in your home and neighborhood:

- 10 Look for toys, books, puzzles and board games that you already own – children often enjoy playing with “old favorites” that they haven't seen in a while; and explore the playgrounds, parks, walking trails, and libraries in your community.

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