

## **PRESCHOOL & PRE-K**

### **6 Reasons Why Summer Learning is So Important For Your Child**

Just because the school gates have closed for summer, there is no reason to allow your child's mind and learning progress to follow suit! Here are the six top reasons why summer learning is so important for your child's development:

#### **1. Their Mind Will Stay Sharp and Stimulated**

It is key that your child keeps their mind working during the long holidays to avoid them experiencing a brain drain and facing a setback once school starts up again. Did you know that research shows that children who do not engage in any type of mental activity during the summer can lose up to a third of what they learned during the academic year?

**Give your child a head start:** Teachers can spend 4-6 weeks re-teaching material that children have forgotten during the summer and children spend approximately the same amount of time settling back into the habit of learning. Keep them ahead of the curve by engaging their mind during the summer!

#### **2. Creates Positive Feelings Towards Learning**

During the summer, your child can learn without the sense of urgency and pressure that is often associated with school. Their mind will be free to relax, wander, create, and imagine. This will stimulate happy and positive feelings towards learning and could be just what your child needs to grasp a previously difficult concept.

#### **3. They Have Time to Focus on the Basics**

Taking some extra time over the summer holidays to concentrate on one particular subject will help your child grip the basics of that topic. Any extra work will help them feel confident about tricky aspects of subjects such as spelling, science, and math, and can boost academic achievement when they return to our Montessori preschool.

#### **4. Summer Activity Promotes a Love of Learning**

The summer gives your child the chance to gain more control over what they want to learn and how they want to learn it. They may want to join a summer camp, take up sports or music, or even join an acting class! When it comes to extra learning during the summer, the world is their oyster, so encourage your little one to discover and pursue a new passion.

#### **5. Summer Learning Establishes a Sense of Routine**

Don't throw out all routines during the summer, otherwise you'll have a huge challenge on your hands towards the end of the holidays! Routines are healthy and good for children, and learning during the summer can provide them with the safety and stability they require. During the summer, structure time for learning opportunities, but keep the schedules light and flexible.

## 6. Boosted Confidence

Taking some extra time during the summer to concentrate on a subject that your child might find difficult, and discovering new talents, will help build your child's self-confidence and independence, while giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

<https://calgarypreschools.ca/blog/6+Benefits+of+Summer+Learning+For+Your+Child+/41>

Here are some ideas you can do with your kiddos this summer.

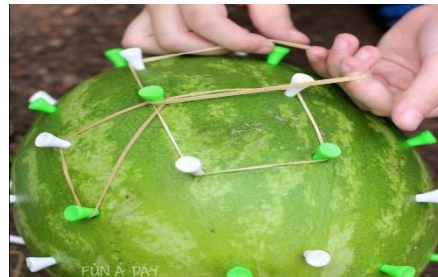
<https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/24-cheap-summer-activities-for-kids/>



### Chalked Painted Maze

Drive toy cars and trucks through a **chalk-painted maze**. Lots of problem-solving activity fun for a summer day with preschoolers. Add learning to this by having ...

### MATH ACTIVITIES



<https://fun-a-day.com/summer-activities-for-preschoolers/>

<https://fun-a-day.com/colored-ice/>

Have a great summer!

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