



# Avoiding Summer Learning Loss for Your School Age Child

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# Child Care Resource and Referral Network

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## Local Child Care Resource and Referral Services Provider Map

### ■ SDA 1 - Geminus

[http://ccrr.geminus.org/  
CCRR-Index.html](http://ccrr.geminus.org/CCRR-Index.html)  
Phone: 219-757-1800  
elc@geminus.org

### ■ SDA 2 - The Child Care Resource Network

[www.thechildcareresourcenetwork.org](http://www.thechildcareresourcenetwork.org)  
Phone: 765-742-7105  
Toll Free: 800-932-3302  
Info@thechildcareresourcenetwork.org

### ■ SDA 3 - Child Care Answers

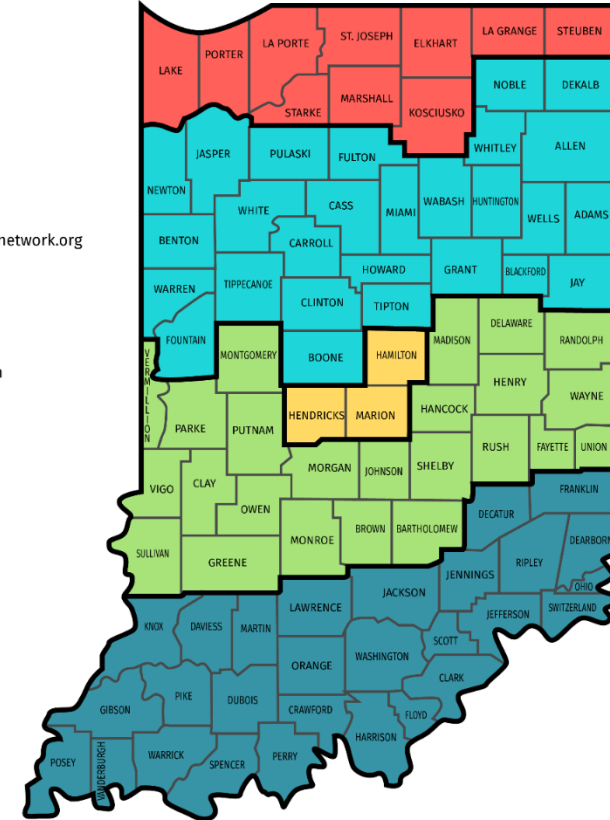
<https://childcareanswers.com>  
Phone: 317-636-5727  
Toll Free: 800-272-2937  
info@childcareanswers.com

### ■ SDA 4 - Chances and Services for Youth

<http://casyonline.org/>  
Phone: 812-232-3952  
Toll Free: 800-886-3952  
CCRR@casyonline.org

### ■ SDA 5 - 4C of Southern Indiana

[www.child-care.org](http://www.child-care.org)  
Phone: 812-423-4008  
Toll Free: 866-200-5909  
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## How we can help:

- Families looking for a high quality child care program can fill out our Family Form. Through this process you will receive guidance about what qualities to look for when selecting a high quality child care program as well as questions to ask when making your decision.
- Assistance locating resources in the community that meet the needs of your family.
- Our family engagement team offers weekly workshops about topics related to caring for young children. Do you have a topic you want to see added to our calendar?
- Information and support related to effective kindergarten transition and readiness
- Do you have questions or need support regarding your child's development (behavior, potty training, biting, etc)? Our family engagement team can offer individual supports to families.

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# What is Summer Learning Loss?

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- Many students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in reading and math skills over the summer months



# What Can You Do?

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- Use Your Surroundings to Build Literacy Skills
- Make Time to Read Together
- Use Online Resources to Develop New Skills
- Encourage Kids to Write Daily
- Help Your Child Build on Prior Knowledge
- Use STEM Toys to Make Learning Fun

# Use Your Surroundings to Build Literacy Skills

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- Label everyday objects around the house
- Labeling objects helps children learn sight words and build a stronger connection between words and the items they represent
- Point out words while in the car, at the park, out shopping, etc.

Source: <https://ced.ncsu.edu/news/2020/07/01/college-of-education-faculty-offer-tips-to-prevent-summer-learning-loss/>

# Make Time to Read Together

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- Shared book reading in which an adult reads to a child and they discuss the story together can be beneficial for elementary students
- Reading together supports children's language and literacy development and is effective at promoting oral language and comprehension skills throughout elementary school
- Take regular trips to the library and pick out books together
- Set a schedule for daily reading

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# Use Online Resources to Develop New Skills

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- Khan Academy
- Reading Eggs
- Brain Pop
- Prodigy
- Reading Eggspress





# Encourage Children to Write Daily

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- Encourage children to write in a daily journal
- They can discuss the things they are thinking about or experiencing, or can explore writing prompts that allow them to engage with certain topics
  - What is your earliest memory? Write every detail you can remember about it.
  - If you had the power to change one thing about school, what would you change and why?
  - What is the funniest thing you've ever seen?

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# Help Your Child Build on Prior Knowledge

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- Children learn information more easily when they are able to connect that new information to something they already know
- Preview what their children will be learning the following school year and plan summer activities that will provide background knowledge to support learning
  - <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/standards/enla/ela-2014-standards-k-5-mccormick-update.pdf>

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# Use STEM Toys/Activities to Make Learning Fun

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- Robot sets
- Legos, magna-tiles, or other building blocks
- Science sets- color chemistry, slime, etc
- Marble mazes
- Build forts
- Cook together



# AVOIDING SUMMER "LEARNING LOSS"

*TIPS & TRICKS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS*

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## Keep a Routine

By continuing to set aside time for learning & keeping daily routines consistent

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## Play Games that Sharpen Math Skills

Play board, card & dice games to practice math concepts

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## Encourage Reading

Make reading a priority by setting aside time daily & enrolling in a summer reading program at your local library

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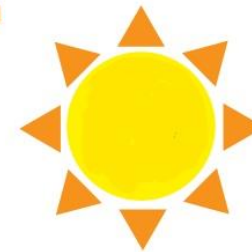
## Engage in Hands-On Experiences

Daily tasks like cooking, gardening & fixing things around the house are great ways to connect & learn new skills

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## Be Creative

There is not right or wrong way to be creative: draw, color, write, pretend, & build daily!







# 101 FUN WAYS TO KEEP KIDS LEARNING ALL SUMMER LONG

- ◉ read everyday
- ◉ bake cookies
- ◉ act out a story
- ◉ create with playdough
- ◉ make sock puppets
- ◉ create a puppet show
- ◉ pop popcorn
- ◉ send a postcard
- ◉ grow a vegetable
- ◉ grow sunflowers
- ◉ visit an art gallery
- ◉ visit a museum
- ◉ look at the stars
- ◉ make a marble maze
- ◉ examine a rockpool
- ◉ ride a train
- ◉ ride a bus
- ◉ visit the zoo
- ◉ learn a new song
- ◉ try yoga
- ◉ visit the library
- ◉ make paper planes and measure how far they fly
- ◉ go on a number walk
- ◉ decorate a t-shirt
- ◉ play a card game
- ◉ play a board game
- ◉ make up a game
- ◉ bake a cake
- ◉ cook dinner
- ◉ visit a farmer's market
- ◉ do a science experiment
- ◉ make and test a solar oven
- ◉ make slime
- ◉ try origami
- ◉ write a thank you note
- ◉ do a jigsaw puzzle
- ◉ play charades
- ◉ make a movie about a day in your life
- ◉ visit an elderly relative
- ◉ play I spy
- ◉ make a treasure map
- ◉ make a bird feeder
- ◉ try lego mosaics
- ◉ read to a sibling
- ◉ explore the backyard with a magnifying glass
- ◉ go on a hike
- ◉ fingerprint each family member and compare
- ◉ make a bug hotel
- ◉ invent a new smoothie recipe
- ◉ make a word search
- ◉ write your plans for the week on a calendar
- ◉ write a movie review
- ◉ learn how to use the washing machine
- ◉ draw a self portrait
- ◉ write a letter to an author you admire
- ◉ try a new fruit or vegetable
- ◉ measure the height of each member of your family
- ◉ draw with chalk
- ◉ make up a secret code and write secret messages
- ◉ repair something
- ◉ create a family time capsule
- ◉ tell a story at dinnertime
- ◉ design a new cover for the last book you read
- ◉ play dominoes
- ◉ read for 20 minutes without stopping
- ◉ make a straw rocket
- ◉ interview a family member
- ◉ play with water beads
- ◉ play with a friend
- ◉ make up a dance
- ◉ create a collection of the best jokes for kids
- ◉ make popsicles
- ◉ create a family tree
- ◉ read a non-fiction book
- ◉ make a schedule (with times) for the day
- ◉ build a card tower
- ◉ make an obstacle course
- ◉ watch a documentary
- ◉ read with a flashlight
- ◉ paint
- ◉ make homemade pizza
- ◉ write a poem
- ◉ collect 100 of something
- ◉ play a ball game
- ◉ draw a plan of your bedroom
- ◉ make ice cream in a bag
- ◉ volunteer at an animal rescue facility
- ◉ make a sundial
- ◉ find 5 interesting facts about a topic of interest
- ◉ listen to an audio story
- ◉ make moon sand
- ◉ film a music video
- ◉ host an art show
- ◉ make a drop helicopter
- ◉ perform a random act of kindness
- ◉ make a terrarium
- ◉ make story stones
- ◉ create a new superhero
- ◉ sew a softie
- ◉ start a journal
- ◉ learn something new

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# Questions?

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