

June 2013



Pre-K to 2nd GRADE: BLUE
 3rd and 4th GRADE: GREEN
 5th and 6th GRADE: RED

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Parents, check out online resources for creative ways to Dig Into Reading.

1 Create your **Dig Into Reading** plan with your family. Use these activities and create some of your own for summer learning fun.

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4 **Dig Into Books.** Form a book club with friends for summer reading. Make suggestions of favorite books and start reading! Have a book review upon completion.

5 Go to the local library and calendar in their summer storytime. **Dig** into their activities, great book lists, and guest authors.

6 Find a dozen or more smooth, river rocks. Using paints or markers, paint simple objects on the rocks; a house, dog, dinosaur, an insect, etc. Use the reading rocks to create new stories.



8 Plant flower or vegetable seeds. Make a graph to chart growth over the summer. Measure every couple of days. Water it carefully and give it a sunny place to live.

9 Make a special reading corner and a place for your library books. Add pillows, toys, and stuffed animals for "anytime, storytime".

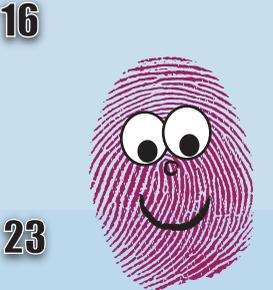


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12 Check out audio books to take on your travels this summer. Use hard-bound and audio books as a springboard for conversation, creativity, and acquiring new knowledge.

13 A journal is an excellent way for your child to write about everyday events and to record thoughts. It is fun to keep a journal when on a special trip or event you plan together as a family.

14 **Dirt cupcakes.** Make a regular cupcake recipe, but for the top, crush chocolate or graham cookies, dip the frosted cupcakes into your homemade dirt, and enjoy!



17 Make thumbprint faces by dipping thumbs in tempera paint or onto an inkpad, then paper. Add eyes, nose, and mouth to your garden troll.

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20 **Cave Paintings.** Cover a table with a blanket. Let children paint their own petroglyph on butcher paper taped to the bottom of the table, using chalk and a flashlight.

21 As a family, **dig in the dirt** and plant seeds in a garden area or patio pots. Grass seeds grow quickly when placed in a sunny area. Don't forget to water!

22 No-earth carrot. Cut off the top and three quarters of the bottom of the carrot. Put three toothpicks into the sides of the carrot and set it in a clear glass of water. Fernlike branches will grow in several weeks.

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26 **Dig It, Dinosaurs!** Make a dinosaur from paper plates and construction paper. Read up on dinosaurs. Did your dinosaur eat vegetables or meat?



28 Build an elf house from a shoe box or milk carton. An elf can be made with a cork, rock, a walnut, or something else you can find around your home.

29 Kangaroo rats, genus, Dipodomys, are small rodents. Make a diorama in a small box with the type of environment one would live in.

30 When driving with your child, turn off the music and talk about the day's events. Ask more than "yes" and "no" questions. Help build their vocabulary skills.

MINUTES EVERY DAY
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READ WITH A CHILD