

Summer Family Fun Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Visit your local library	How many feet in your family? Hands? Noses? Toes? Eyes?	What colors are in the flag. How many stars? How many stripes?	Draw a picture of where you would like to go this summer.	Brainstorm things to do when you are hot.	Play in a sprinkler.
Blow bubbles.	Find several rocks. Put them in order from largest to smallest.	Have a slice of watermelon. Count the seeds.	How many legs on an insect? Draw an insect.	Make your bed without being told.	Close your eyes and listen to a story. Can you give a summary?	Play in the sandbox or dig in the dirt.
Sit under a tree and look at a book.	Go for a night walk. What do you hear? What can you see?	Put an ice cube on the sidewalk and watch it melt.	Build something with blocks. How high can you stack them?	Write numbers as high as you can.	Go outside and name everything you see that is green	Eat a berry: strawberry, blueberry, raspberry, etc.
Say as many nursery rhymes as you can.	Practice writing your full name.	Call a friend and invite them to play.	Sing "The Wheels on the Bus."	Say your name, phone number, address, and birthday.	Use your imagination and think of things to do when you're bored.	Go outside and ride your bike or another toy.
Write a letter to someone you love.	What's the name of your school? State? Country?	Ask your parents what they liked best about school.	Draw a person and put as many body parts as you can.	Count how many days until school starts.		

Summer Recipes for FUN!

Let's Sing!

Swimming

(Tune: "Sailing, Sailing, Over the Bounding Maine")

Swimming, swimming, In the swimming pool.	(Stroke arms as if swimming.)
When days are hot	(Pretend to fan self.)
Or days are cold, In the swimming pool.	(Hug self and shiver.)
Back stroke, side stroke, Fancy diving, too.	(Make different strokes.) (Hands over head.)
There's no place I would rather be	(Shake head.)
Than in the swimming pool.	

Let's Say a Finger Play!

This Little Girl

This little girl is Ready for bed.	(Hold up index finger and wiggle.)
On the pillow She lays her head.	(Open palm and lay finger down.)
Wrap the covers Around her tight.	(Wrap fist around finger.)
That's the way She spends the night.	(Rock hand.)
Morning comes, She opens her eyes. Off with a toss	
The covers fly.	(Open fist.)
She jumps out of bed, Eats her breakfast,	(Hold up finger.) (Pretend to feed finger some food.)
And brushes her teeth.	(Pretend to brush teeth on finger.)
She gets dressed and Brushes her hair.	(Pretend to dress finger.) (Pretend to brush hair.)
Now she's ready And on her way,	(Dance finger around.)
To work and play At school all day.	

This little boy...	(Do similar motions with the opposite index finger.)
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Let's Say a Nursery Rhyme!

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb,
Little lamb, little lamb.
Mary had a little lamb.
It's fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went,
Mary went, Mary went.
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go.
It followed her to school one day,
School one day, school one day.
It followed her to school one day
Which was against the rule.

Let's Cook!

Fire Cracker Sandwich

You will need:

slice of bread
peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, or pimento cheese
plastic wrap
curling ribbon

Directions:

1. Wash your hands
2. Cut the crust off your bread
3. Flatten the bread with the palm of your hand.
4. Spread peanut butter, tuna, or pimento cheese on the bread.
5. Roll it up.
6. Wrap it in plastic wrap.
7. Twist the ends, and then tie with ribbons to resemble a firecracker.

Let's Make Something!

Finger Painting and Water Painting

Squirt shaving cream on a cookie sheet or smooth surface for ooey gooey fun. You can also finger paint with shaving cream on windows. Hose them off when you're finished.

Fill a sand bucket or plastic bowl with water. Give children an old paintbrush or sponge

and let them paint the house, trees, sidewalk, or their bike. You can also put water in an empty squirt bottle and invite them to squirt and water the flowers, grass, etc

Let's Explore!

Dirt Diggers

Materials: sand shovel or large spoon
plastic container
magnifying glass
tweezers
newspaper or large flat pan

Directions: Go outside and dig up some dirt from under a bush or tree. Spread the dirt out on the newspaper or a large pan. Use the magnifying glass to look at the dirt. What do you see? Can you tell a story from the bits of things you find in the dirt? Use the tweezers to separate the objects you find.

Adaptations: Collect soil samples from different areas of your yard and place in a plastic bag and label. How are the soil samples different? Why?

Let's Play!

Tents are fun to build, hide in, read a book, or play with a friend!

Card Table Tent

Drape a blanket over a card table or picnic table. Spread a sleeping bag on the ground for a cozy retreat.

Porch Railing Tent

Pin one end of a blanket to the railing of a deck or porch. Pull out the opposite end and secure at an angle with bricks or rocks. This is a "cool" place for a game or nap from the summer sun.

Cardboard Castle

An appliance box or other large box can be a "castle" to a child. Cut out a door and windows with a utility knife. (An adult will need to do this!) Let the children decorate with paints, markers, or crayons.