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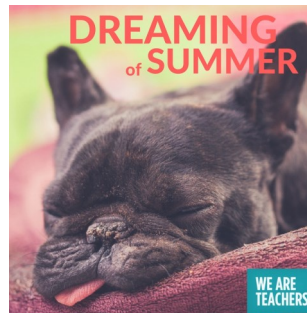
Summer Dreams

Wouldn't it be a *dream* if our kiddos would extend their learning beyond our classrooms into summer vacation? What if we could *trick them into it*? Here are some neat ideas for helping your students keep reading, writing, computing, and thinking even though they aren't in school. Maybe you could pass along some of these ideas to your kids and their families.

Encourage kids to build reading into everyday activities. (1) Watch TV with the sound off and closed captioning on, (2) Read directions for how to play a new game, or (3) Help with meals by writing up a grocery list, finding things in the grocery store, and reading the recipe aloud for mom or dad during cooking time.

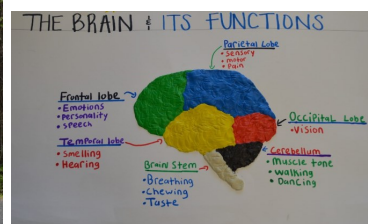
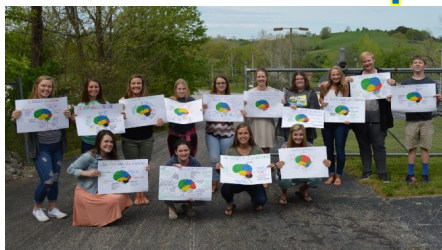
Encourage writing. Give each of your students a stamped, addressed postcard so they can write to you about their summer adventures; or, recycle school notebooks and paper into summer journals or scrapbooks.

Find ways to use math everyday. (1) If a student plays a sport, they can keep track of their own statistics. (2) Take a nature hike and look for geometric shapes. (3) Remember, every visit to the grocery store is a chance to calculate best deals by finding unit rates, sale prices, etc. (4) If kids are taking a road trip, this is a great chance to calculate distance, travel time, gas mileage, etc.



Learning doesn't have to end at the classroom door or come to a halt on May 18. We can find ways to help families keep children engaged in education all summer long.

Spotlight on Excellence



Students in Mary Lou Dehart's Advanced Pre-Nursing course at CCCTC discussed the care of a patient after a Cerebral Vascular Accident (Stroke) or head trauma. Students created models of the brain from clay, labeled the lobes and sections, as well as learned each lobe's main functions. Later, the class did case studies where they discussed specific head traumas and/or strokes and determined the best options for treatment. What a great way to allow students to better understand patient care and become effective health care workers!



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