

## DEAR PARENTS,

We have worked so hard this year and are ready for a break. To help our kids keep their learning in the forefront, I am sending home a calendar of activities with links and ideas to do using things you already have at home. Most activities can be completed with items you have around the house, such as:

- pennies, nickels, dimes
- cotton balls, crayons, Legos (or something that when children grab a handful they grasp about 5 - 20)
- Playing cards (take out the face cards)
- dice (On the sheets to print, virtual dice links are included.)
- popsicle sticks - (If you don't have them, it is the one thing I would highly recommend purchasing.)

### HERE ARE A COUPLE OF WEBSITES USED IN THE CALENDAR WITH FREE RESOURCES:

- [Greg Tang Math Games](#) - This is one of the only online game websites I recommend because students are learning valuable math skills and they can level up. Plus, he often hosts summer challenges or virtual learning activities for kids.
- [Sight Words: Free Resources to Teach Your Child to Read](#) - It's more than just sight words.

### ANOTHER GREAT RESOURCE FOR PURCHASE TO STOP THE SUMMER SLIDE!

- Alive Studios Zoo offers [My Letters alive Journals](#) and [My Math alive Journals](#) along with the FREE app for tablets and smartphones, to provide kids with an interactive experience. My Letters alive Journals use mind-boggling 3D animals for learning letters, letter sounds and proper letter formation! My Math alive Journals provide activities for learning numbers, counting, shapes, and proper number formation! Your students will love feeding our animals while mastering basic math skills. Both come in PK and K versions.
- [Zoo Crew Alphabet Show on YouTube](#)

The most important thing you can do with your child this summer is to read! Each time a book is read to a child, there is a positive impact. Ask questions to make sure they understand the story. Talk about the pictures and how they show details. Point as you read the words so they can connect reading to print. Slide your finger as kids get a little older to show reading sounds like conversation.

Have a great summer!