



Reading Is  
Fundamental

# Summer Fun....

The sun is out; it's time to play.  
Make sure you read EVERY day!



<b>A BUG'S LIFE</b>  List all the summer insects you can think of. Go on a nature walk and see how many you can find from your list. Pick your favorite and write a short story about a typical day from that bug's point of view.	<b>LIP SMACKING LIST!</b>  List all the ice cream flavors you can think of. Once you have them all listed, put your list in alphabetical order. Which letters had the most flavors? Which letters had the least?	<b>CAMPING TRIP</b>  Plan a backyard camping trip with a friend. No backyard? Camp out in the den! List all the things you will need to "survive" on your trip. Be sure to include a good book as part of your supplies!
<b>ROUND AND ROUND...</b>  Start a round robin story. You write the beginning. Ask friends or family members to add to it until it has an ending. Bring everyone together and read the story.	<b>TREASURE HUNT</b>  Create a treasure hunt for a sibling or friend. For the treasure, pick something you want them to find. Leave picture or word clues to follow to reach the treasure. Your turn. Have them do the same for you.	<b>TRACK IT!</b>  Set a reading goal for the summer. Decide how many books you want to read. Make a chart to keep track of all the books you read. Did you reach your goal? Did you go beyond it?
<b>NEWS HOUND</b>  Look through the newspaper or online to find a news event from another city, state or country. Find as much information on the topic as possible. Share what you learned about the event with a friend or family member.	<b>STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT...</b>  What do you see when you look up at the stars on a clear summer night? Create your own images or become an amateur astronomer by downloading a free star guide at <a href="http://www.kidsastronomy.com">www.kidsastronomy.com</a> .	<b>JOURNAL IT</b>  Keep a journal about what you have done each week during the summer. At the end of summer, go back and read what you did. Which week was the best week of the summer? Which activity did you enjoy the most?

It's summer. It's time to relax, spend time outside, visit friends, and enjoy your time as a family. But don't stop reading! Make it part of your family's summer fun. Research shows children lose one to three months of learning every summer. They lose math and reading skills they worked hard to acquire during the school year. Then they have to work even harder to catch up in the fall. You can help prevent this summer learning loss. Visit our website to learn tips to keep your child reading this summer at **RIF.org**.