

SUMMER SKILLS ELITE EXPLORER

Incorporate reading and writing into daily life through play.
Find the fun in every day items and connect them to literacy opportunities.

INSIDE PLAY MATERIALS



Cardboard Box

Use for prototyping 3D models of inventions or architectural floor plan of a dream room.



Measuring Cups

Use for doubling or halving a simple dough recipe to understand proportions.



Kitchen Scale & Hangers

Use to build a DIY balance scale and compare the mass of different household objects.



Old Magazines

Use to circle persuasive ad words or creating a vision board for future goals.



Flour, Salt, Sand, or Shaving cream

Spread on a tray to practice letters or numbers with a finger. Practice math facts, vocabulary words, or word patterns.



Stopwatch or Timer

Use to time tasks and graph the results to find the most efficient methods.



Mirror

Draw half of a face or pattern and use the mirror to complete the geometric reflection.

OUTSIDE PLAY MATERIALS



Chalk

Use to trace shadows at different times of the day to understand the Earth's rotation.



Bucket & Sponge

Use for running water relay races to calculate how many sponges it takes to fill a specific volume.



Sticks, Painter's Tape & Index Cards

Create a 4-quadrant coordinate plane on the ground. Call out different coordinates.



Ruler or Tape Measure

Use to measure the growth of a specific plant or the distance of jump challenges to calculate averages.



Broom, Bucket, and Rocks

Use old broomsticks (or sturdy sticks), a bucket, and rocks to build a simple machine that can lift a heavy object from the ground to a table.



Dish Soap & String

Use various brands of dish soap and fixed-length string loops to conduct an experiment determining which soap creates the largest, most durable bubbles.



Air-Dry Clay, Baking Soda, Plastic Bottles, and Vinegar

Use air-dry clay, a plastic water bottle, baking soda, and vinegar to create an interactive volcano model that explores both chemistry and Earth science.

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RIF READING SUMMER CAMP

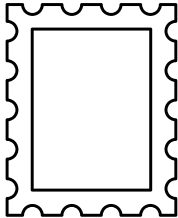
A postcard is a great way to show others how much fun you are having while visiting a new location! After reading about the exciting things you can do (or have done) at summer camp, create a postcard for a family member or friend describing your experience.

On one side of the postcard, draw a picture of your favorite part about camp or even just being outside. On the lined side of the postcard, write at least two things you learned from the books you have read at RIF's summer reading camp.



Dear _____,

From,

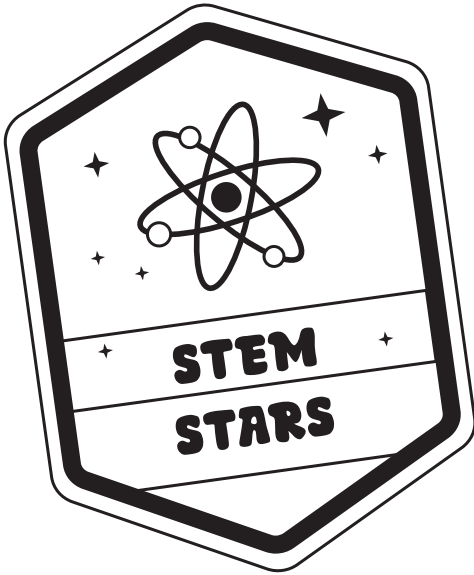


To:





RIF READING SUMMER CAMP





Create your own silly story by filling in the blanks with the parts of speech indicated. For more fun, have a friend ask you the parts of speech and fill in your response. You won't know the outcome until it is read back to you and you will get a silly surprise!

Dear _____,

Wow! Camp has been so _____! Every morning, we wake up to the sound of _____ and _____ out of our _____ sleeping bags. Breakfast is always _____, especially when they serve _____ with _____ and a side of _____.

Yesterday, we went _____ at the _____ and saw a _____. Later, we played _____, built a _____ out of _____, and _____ in the _____.

At night, we sit around the campfire telling _____ stories, _____, and looking for _____ in the sky. The counselor even taught us how to _____ a _____ using only _____!

I can't wait to _____ again tomorrow!

Love,



Campfire Pizza Wraps

Ingredients:

- 1 large tortilla
- ¼ cup pizza sauce
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 5-6 pepperoni slices (or any favorite toppings)
- 1 tbsp olive oil or butter
- Aluminum foil

Directions:

- Assemble the wrap - Lay the tortilla flat, spread pizza sauce, sprinkle cheese, and add toppings.
- Roll it up - Fold in the sides and roll it tightly like a burrito.
- Wrap in foil - Brush the outside with olive oil or butter, then wrap it completely in foil.
- Cook over campfire - Place on hot coals or a grill rack for 5-7 minutes, flipping halfway, until the cheese melts.

Enjoy! - Carefully unwrap and dig in!

Stick Bread

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ cup water
- 1 tbsp oil or melted butter
- Optional: Honey, cinnamon, or shredded cheese for extra flavor

Directions:

- Make the dough - Mix flour, salt, and baking powder in a bowl. Add water and oil, stirring until it forms a soft dough.
- Roll and wrap - Take a handful of dough, roll it into a long rope, and twist it around the end of a clean, sturdy stick.
- Cook over fire - Hold it over campfire embers, rotating slowly, for 10-12 minutes until golden brown and cooked through.

Eat and enjoy - Carefully remove from the stick, add honey or butter, and enjoy warm!

*Use extra caution when cooking over an open flame. Be sure to use tongs or another utensil to turn food or remove from heat