Summer Literacy Resources

As the end of the school year approaches, it is exciting to take stock of all that the children have worked hard to learn this year! To honor that hard work and maintain skills over the summer, it can be helpful for children to engage in some simple summer literacy routines.

Rising Third Grade Students

Reading	Writing	Print Resources	Digital Resources
Set goals with your child for summer reading at the beginning of summer: • Which books would they like to read? • Where will we get the books? Library? • How long will they spend reading each day? Play word games that expand vocabulary while having fun. Games like Scrabble, Bananagrams, or Boggle can be great for improving spelling and word recognition skills.	Decorate a special notebook or journal for writing and keep some supplies (markers, crayons, etc.) within easy reach. Create a routine around writing their daily activities, experiences, and thoughts in a summer journal. Make a list before packing for a trip or heading to the grocery store. Write letters to family members, friends, or pen pals. Letter writing improves writing skills and fosters meaningful connections.	Scholastic Weekly Reader Summer Express workbook	Raz-Kids Epic! -huge online children's library with thousands of just right books, picture books and chapter books. Includes read-to-me and quizzes. ElyLeaf Publishing - free online library of high-interest decodable books. ABCya , FunBrain & PinkCatGames - free games and resources for skills practice
Practice reading and spelling high-frequency words: Make the words into cards and play memory or Go Fish Use play dough to build the words	Write your opinion convincing a friend to read your favorite book, see your favorite movie, or eat at your favorite restaurant. Write and draw your favorite summer recipe! Check out this list of second grade		

 Use flour, salt, or sand to trace the letters with your finger Use chalk to write words outside 	writing prompts for more ideas!	
Have your child select and decorate a cozy reading spot and keep some favorite books within easy reach.		
Use the Reading Rockets book finder to create a customized list of books to checkout at your local library		
Use a recording device to record yourself reading out loud. Play it back and listen. Did your reading sound smooth? Re-read and record to practice reading with fluency.		
Read to a family member, friend or stuffed animal and listen to stories read by a family member, friend, and audiobooks.		