Many students are excited about summertime at the end of the school year. They start to think about all their favorite summer activities and the dreaming begins. This month, encourage their excitement with a collection of books and resources about fun in the sun.

This activity packet includes a selection of resources for educators, parents/caregivers, and students.

- **Booklist**: A recommended list of books about fun in the sun.
- **Puzzles and Activities for Students**: Resources about fun in the sun designed for independent student use.
- **Take-Home Activity**: An activity about fun in the sun designed to help students continue learning at home.
- **Classroom Activity**: An activity about fun in the sun designed for the classroom.

We suggest you print and copy the *Take-Home Activity* and *Puzzles and Activities for Students* pages and send them home to extend the learning.

For more reading resources, visit [www.RIF.org/Literacy-Central](http://www.RIF.org/Literacy-Central).

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Fun In The Sun Book List

Recommended Books

**Hello Ocean**
Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan
Illustrator: Mark Astrella
PK-1

**Penguin on Vacation**
Author: Salina Yoon
PK-1

**Summer Days and Nights**
Author and Illustrator: Wong Herbert Yee
PK-2

**Summer Sun Risin’**
Author: W. Nikola-Lisa
Illustrator: Don Tate
PK-2

**Another Way to Climb a Tree**
Author: Liz Garton Scanlon
Illustrator: Hadley Hooper
PK-3

**Bear Shadow**
Author and Illustrator: Frank Asch
PK-3

**Harry by the Sea**
Author: Gene Zion
Illustrator: Margaret Bloy Graham
PK-3

**Summer Wonders**
Author: Bob Raczka
Illustrator: Judy Stead
K-1

**Surf’s Up**
Author: Kwame Alexander
Illustrator: Daniel Miyares
K-2

**Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters**
Author: Lenore Look
Illustrator: LeUyen Pham
1-4
## Memory Match

Cut along the lines to create vocabulary cards. Then, mix them up and turn them over. Flip two cards at a time, using your memory to try to find word pairs. Use each page separately for an easier version, or put all the cards together for a bigger challenge.

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ocean  ocean
mountains mountains
river river
zoo zoo
popsicles popsicles
activities activities
Crossword Puzzle (easier)

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words for the topic of Fun in the Sun. Look for hints in the Word Bank.

Across

2. Do you play in the ___ at the beach?
4. You may stay in a ___ at a camp.
6. The Rocky ___ are in Colorado.
7. Be careful in the _____...don't get burned!

Down

1. How much ___ do you have playing outside?
3. Taking ___ lessons is important for safety reasons.
4. Have fun ___ on a jungle gym!
5. The beach, the mountains, or Disneyland are favorite places for a ___.
Crossword Puzzle (harder)

Name: ___________________________ Date: _______________________

Answer clues based on the content and vocabulary words for the topic of Fun in the Sun. Look for hints in the Word Bank.

Across

1. National and state ___ are great places to go to hike, camp, or just visit.
4. ___ is a sport that requires bows & arrows.
8. A tent and a cooking fire are important for ___.
9. ___ are a fun frozen treat on a stick on a hot day!
11. Another word for ___ is playfulness.
13. Hiking ___ are helpful when in a new area.

Word Bank

FUN
RIVER
PICNICS
POPSICLES
SUN
CAMPING
ICE CREAM
ARCHERY
BEACH
TRAILS
REUNION
SUMMER
PARKS
ZOO

Down

2. The Mississippi ___ flows through many U.S. states.
3. The ___ is the bright star the Earth revolves around.
5. Many families get together with other family members at a ___.
6. Vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry are flavors of ___.
7. Lions, elephants, zebras, and other animals are often favorites at the ___!
9. A blanket, a basket of food, and ants are often part of ___.
10. ___ is the one of the four seasons.
12. Do you enjoy the waves and the sand at the ___?
Find The Differences

Find 10 Differences
Word Search (easier)

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Find the words in the list below.

A N R I V E R J U W
N T R A I L S A N D
I P B W P I U S I J
M A S W I M M I N G
A R W O C W M Z O O
L K F J N B E A C H
S S U N I D R E E T
T E N T C A M P A N
U I W K S I D R N E
B P O P S I C L E S

Word Bank

FUN SUN SUMMER
BEACH SAND OCEAN
RIVER SWIMMING TENT
PARKS TRAILS PICNICS
Word Search (harder)

Name: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Find the words in the list below.

B C A M P E R S M R C P E
A E S V O H N W O E C O I
R H A A M U I G M D O P E
C A W C N I N K M S D S C
H S F A H D C T I J I I W
E B W T V O C E A N N C B
R T I I I E G A C I G L L
Y M W O M N S I S R N E C
E S E N K M G B N T E S E
J D C A M P I N G S L A C
D B F B I K I N G A P E M
E W B O A T I N G B O B S
F A M I L Y R E U N I O N

Word Bank

VACATION       BEACH       WAVES
SAND CASTLES    OCEAN       SWIMMING
BOATING         RAFTING     CAMPING
MOUNTAINS       HIKING      BIKING
ICE CREAM       POPSICLES   FAMILY REUNION
CAMPERS         CODING      ARCHERY
Take-Home Activity

Fun in the Sun

Your child has been learning about fun in the sun at school and this activity is designed to extend the learning at home.

Talk with your child about all the things that thrive in the sun. Many things in the natural world peak in the summer sun. Plan for a collage-making adventure.

STEPS:

1. Visit a natural spot (e.g., backyard, park, beach, schoolyard) and collect items for a nature collage.

2. Bring your items home and create a collage display with your child. Use a background and material that suits your items -- if they’re uniform and can be glued, consider a flat collage; if they’re more dimensional, you might arrange a collage in a box lid or on a shelf.

3. Consider refreshing your collage all summer long to encourage your child to enjoy all the beauty and detail that nature provides.
Classroom Activity

Summer Stories

This activity is designed to be done in small groups.

For this activity, students will be constructing stories one sentence at a time, using settings, activities, and styles (all having to do with fun in the sun) that you provide. You can introduce as much variation as you like by changing the categories, words, format of the group storytelling, or any other parameter.

STEPS
1. Print and cut out our Story Sparks cards, or create your own sets of cards to use. If you are creating your own cards, think of a few options for each of three categories: Setting, Activity, and Characters.

2. Divide the class into groups of 4 or 5 students each (or use any grouping strategy that you prefer).

3. For round one, give each group one card and challenge them to come up with a story (beginning, middle, end) that grows from the word on their card. The story should be told one sentence at a time, with each student adding a sentence as the story moves around the group's circle.

4. For round two, give each group one card from each category and challenge them to come up with a story using all three words as springboards. Use the same storytelling structure.

5. Continue on for as many rounds and card combinations as you like. If sunny weather permits, do some of your storytelling outside!
Story Sparks

- SETTING: Beach
- SETTING: Playground
- SETTING: Ice Cream Factory
- SETTING: Campground
- SETTING: Pool
- SETTING: Spacecraft on a Mission to the Sun
Story Sparks

ACTIVITY
Swimming

ACTIVITY
Hiking

ACTIVITY
Hopscotch

ACTIVITY
Hot Air Ballooning

ACTIVITY
Catching Fireflies

ACTIVITY
Running Through a Sprinkler
Story Sparks

CHARACTERS

Kids

Animals

Space People

Inanimate (non-living) Things

Talking Popsicles

Superheroes

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ANSWER KEYS
Key: Word Search (easier)

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