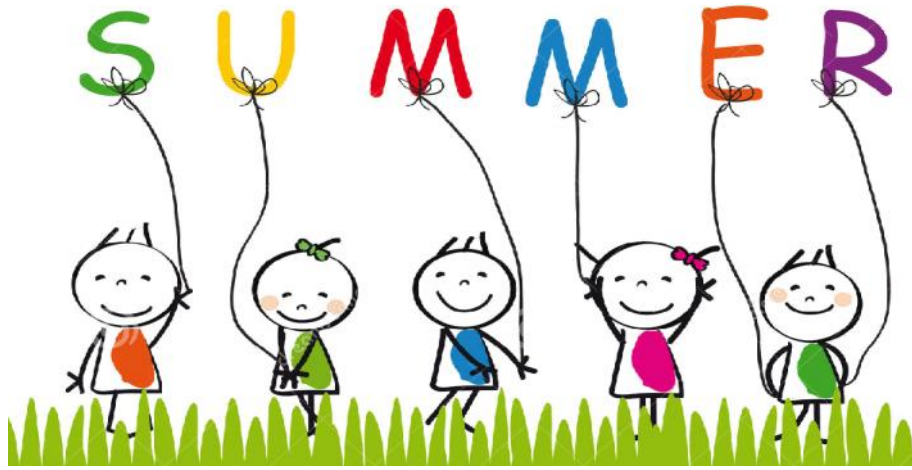



KG SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN



**"H for Happiness
H for Holidays"**

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a green long-sleeved shirt with a red bear on the chest, blue pants, and yellow shoes. He is holding a large white sign with a black border. A small yellow bird is perched on the top left corner of the sign.

It is not what you do for
your children, but what
you have taught them to
do for themselves, that
will make them successful
human beings.

- Ann Landers



Vacation time is fun time. Here are some fun-filled activities for you to do with your child at home and make summer vacation more enjoyable. Learning is fun when we share experiences with our loved ones. So, go ahead and have loads of fun with your little one. There is no better time than the one spent with the loved ones. This summer vacation, gather memories to cherish for a life time.

Sing Along

Childhood memories should be full of fun and frolic. Rhymes and songs are an essential part of the growing up years. Sing along with your child and have fun. While you are at it, you could also sing the phonics song along with your child (for reference you could use jollyphonics.com). This will help strengthen the phonic sounds of letters of the English Alphabet. (In case you require any help regarding the phonic sounds, you can get in touch with the teacher and clarify your concerns).



A Reader In The Making



“The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page.”- Rachel Anders. It is said that children are made readers in the laps of their parents, and rightly so. Research has found that reading storybooks to children is one of the most important activities for developing the knowledge required for eventual success in reading. Reading to children has been found to be related to language growth, emergent literacy and reading achievement. In addition, reading to children also stimulates them to read books themselves and further develop their cognitive skills. Besides these obvious advantages, reading becomes a nurturing activity that helps to strengthen the bond between the parent and the child. We recommend that you read to your child every day. Set aside a time in the day to read to your child (preferably books with lots of colourful pictures, as this makes it interesting for the child). Not only does this help in building and enhancing the vocabulary of the child, but also puts him / her into the habit of reading every day.

Fun Games

The children have been learning to form 2, 3, 4 letter words, phonetically, from the English Alphabet (a-z). Let's make this discovery fun and help them to reinforce the learning at home. We have thought of interesting ways of helping them discover the wonderful world of words during their summer holidays.

- To strengthen and reinforce the concept, you could allow them to identify the words from various reading material, such as a magazine or the newspaper. You could ask your child to circle the words s/he can identify in the titles, headings, or other reading material. You could ask him/her to count how many words are there in a particular line, or even how many times a particular word has appeared on one page. This would not only strengthen the literacy skills but also the numeracy skills (counting).
- Give them a number of letters randomly (for example, stpinamdgo) and encourage the child to form as many words possible and write it down (such as in, pat, tin, spin, etc.). Make it fun...join in...do it together like playing a game. Kindly do not use it as a mechanism to test the knowledge of the child.
- Give your child a big word (such as Carnivorous or Madagascar) and ask to child to use these words to make as many phonetically correct 2, 3, 4, 5 letter words as possible from these big words. For instance, from the word carnivorous as, in, is, car, can, ran, van...may be formed. This will enhance the vocabulary and also help the child with word formation.
- Play word-games with the child, with focus on the phonic sounds of letters. Say an interesting word and break it down together verbally, then encourage the child to try and phonetically write it down.
- You could also have fun with your child playing interesting board games like Scrabble, Crossword, etc.

I Can Write

Provide opportunities for your child to write. Whenever you go to the mall / grocery shop, ask the child to help you make a list. When you visit relatives / friends / or go for an outing, encourage the child to pen down his/her experience, what s/he liked most, etc. It doesn't matter if it is just drawing, or a string of letters (it is up to the child's imagination and creativity). You may be able to read a few words clearly while others may be a mystery, but, it gives the child an idea of how to write and initiates the child to the purpose of writing (why people write). You can then make a small note of what the child has written on the same page. This not only serves the purpose of initiating the child to the world of writing, it also will serve as a wonderful memory bank for you to cherish with your child forever. Imagine, taking out these pages 12-15 years down the line and smiling at the wonderful memories that you have created together.



Kitchen Games:

Have fun with your child in the kitchen by playing games, such as guessing games, sensory games, colour games, games with shapes, etc:



- Have her/him close the eyes and guess what you are cooking by the fragrance of the food being cooked.
- Or you could even hand over an ingredient – like cinnamon, cardamom, orange, etc. and ask to smell and guess what it is.
- You could also ask them to close the eyes and guess what you are doing by listening to the sounds in the kitchen.
- Hand the child certain objects (while the eyes are closed) and ask the child to feel and guess what the object is (for instance a wiggly jelly, a squishy sponge, smooth rubber glove, rough kitchen towel, etc.), thereby building on the concept of textures.
- Sort out the kitchen cabinets with your child. Encourage him/her to place all the big container/plates/spoons on one side and the small ones on the other side (you could also sort and pair objects together). Likewise can be done for tall/short utensils also. After segregation you could count together as to which set has more and which has less.
- Count the big spoons and the small spoons. Then count them together to find out the total number of spoons.
- Ask the child to count the total number of plates and lay the table only for the number required. Then count the remaining plates in the kitchen

Letter Treasure Hunt



Children are having a lot of fun learning the Hindi language. It is fascinating to see how much they are enjoying forming and writing 2, 3, 4 letter words in Hindi. To reinforce the learning at home, encourage your child to identify objects beginning with the letters done so far in the class. For instance, play a game, wherein you help your child look for all things at home that begin with क, such as कलम, कूलर, कागज़, etc. The same can be done for words ending with क. You could encourage your child to do the same with all letters of the Hindi Alphabet done so far.

Let's Explore Patterns in Nature:

Nature abounds with Patterns. There is pattern everywhere, in flowers, plants, animals, insects, etc. Encourage children to explore these patterns. When out for a nature walk, look around for patterns in flowers or plants. When you chop vegetables for meals, ask your children to look for patterns. For example in lady finger, bitter gourd, onions, capsicum etc; when you cut them open the pattern is clearly visible. Discuss with your child about the same. You could take this one step forward by making patterns on paper by dipping the cut vegetables in paint and taking vegetable impressions on paper. Loads of fun and learning can be packed into this one activity.

Wonders of Water

This is the season to enjoy splashing in water. This summer vacation help your child explore water in various ways. Let your child enjoy mixing edible colours in water and see the colour of the water changing. You could also let your child pour water from one container to the other (using containers of different shapes and sizes) and let the child observe that the shape of water changes each time.



Tidy-Up

Put your child into the habit of tidying up after any activity. This will not only help keep the house in order, but will also help in inculcating an essential value, of cleanliness, in the child. Talk to her/him that if you see litter anywhere in the house, pick it up and throw it in the bin and when your child helps you to do that, he/she will not throw things around and make a mess (either inside or outside the house) as they would understand the importance and the effort involved in keeping the place tidy and clean.



Shopping Experience



Help your child understand the concept of shopping and money by taking him/her with you for shopping to a grocery store, shopping mall, etc. Explain to him/her the entire process from selecting a product to getting it billed at the counter and paying for it. Talk about the importance of saving money and different ways of saving it.

Help at Home

Involve your child to help you with the daily house-hold chores (like laying the table, putting the clothes in the laundry basket, etc.). This not only keeps the child busy, but also enables the child to be self-sufficient gradually.



Learning On The Move



Whenever you go out with your child, show and discuss about the various modes of transport. Talk about what is your child's favourite mode of transport and why. Explain about the traffic rules and the traffic lights to your child. Discuss with him/her as to why is it important for us all to follow the traffic rules. Traffic lights these days also have timers for countdown. You could count backwards from 20-1 with your child while waiting at a traffic light.

Sharing

Discuss with your child about the important value of sharing. Start from home...you could encourage him/her to share toys with the children of the household helpers that you have. You could even encourage your child to give away old toys, books, clothes (in good condition) to those who need them, but are not privileged enough to have them.



NOTE: If you have any concerns or queries regarding the holiday assignments, do speak with the Class Incharge at the school number (0129-4198500) before 31st May 2016. Wishing you an enjoyable vacation with your child!

