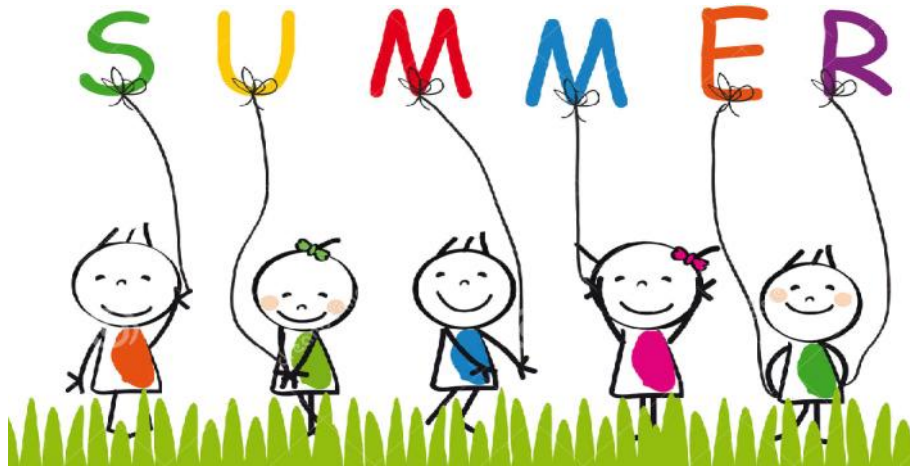


TODDLERS SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN



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



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.

### **Play-time with Toys:**

Keep a short, toy-filled laundry basket in the living room for the little ones to pull out, open and play with at leisure. Most toddlers love sitting in the basket and will spend more time climbing in and out of it than actually playing with the toys. Once they are through with playing, help them tidy up (put the toys back in the basket) and encourage them to close the lid of the basket. Not only will this put them into the habit of tidying up after playing, but will also help them be more responsible about their things. Take this opportunity, also, to strengthen the concepts of open-close, in-out and empty-full, which have already been discussed with them in class.



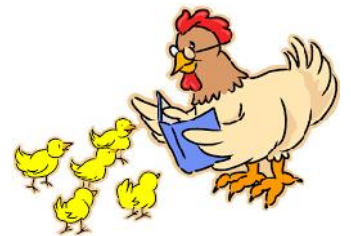
### **Kitchen Games:**

Keep your toddler busy while you work 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.
- 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.).
- 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).

### **Read to your child:**

Set aside a time in the day to read to your child (preferably books with lots of big and 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 everyday.



### **Messy Day**

We all have only one childhood to live. Let us make it fun and memorable for our children. Children love to explore with colours and paint. Encourage your child to have a messy day as often as possible. You could tape newspaper to the floor and let the child enjoy painting randomly onto it. To ensure that the child does not smear his/her clothes with paint, you could make the child wear an old oversized t-shirt (yours). Besides using paint brushes, you could let the child make impressions onto the paper using bubble sheet, corrugated sheet, bottle caps, clay moulds, plastic fork, etc. You could later laminate it and use it at home as table mats or create a beautiful collage of your child's art to decorate the home.



## My Water World

Water is so much fun to play with. Children love to splash in water and play games with it. This summer vacation, have fun with your child playing enjoyable water games. You could fill a tub with water, add some water toys to it and have a race with your child encouraging her/him to spray water with a spray gun to move the toys forward (you could use properly rinsed Colin spray bottles for the purpose). Besides being fun, it is an activity which helps strengthen the muscles of the arms, hands and helps build concentration. You could also take edible colours (any colour available), mix them separately with water and set them in different shaped moulds to freeze into ice cubes. Once frozen, let your child de-mould it have fun with it and watch it turn back into water.



## Memory Bank



Create a wonderful memory bank of your child's drawings, mark making, and attempts to imitate writing. Provide opportunities for your child to draw/write. Whenever you go to the mall / grocery shop, ask the child to help you make a list. It doesn't matter if it is just scribbling, or squiggles, or drawing, or just lines. **Since the child is not aware of letters, we should not expect words from the child on paper.** 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 write a small note of what the child has created 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.

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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

Wishing you an enjoyable vacation with your child!



happy  
holidays!