



Summer Learning Games

Summer is a time for children to relax and enjoy activities outside the classroom, but that doesn't mean they should stop learning. In fact, it is the perfect chance to continue their learning – often without them even realizing.

Here are a few games to try this summer when you're driving to a vacation spot or lounging on the beach.

Road Trip Alphabet Game

You've probably played the alphabet game – watching billboards, road signs and other objects looking for letters – starting with the letter "a" and working your way through the alphabet. By modifying the game just a little, your student will get even more out of it. Instead of having him/her identify letters, use the sound the letter makes.

This game will help with sequencing and sounds. You can make it more difficult by limiting it to just billboards or just license plates. You could also limit it just to signs on one side of the road. Help your child by making the sounds with him/her and demonstrating the sounds in words.

Parson's Cat – ABC Descriptive Game

Its original name is "Parson's Cat," but you could create your own version of this pattern practice game. Have your child begin a sentence with "The Parson's Cat is..." and end with an adjective to describe the cat. You could say the "neighbor's cat is..." or "his shoes are..." or any number of prompts.

This game will help with word retrieval and patterns. To make it more difficult, limit the adjectives to one letter.

How Long Does it Take Game

When making routine trips to places like the pool or the grocery store, have your child start counting when you leave the house and see how long it takes. It is a game for them to see if they count higher or lower each time, but at the same time, they are reinforcing their numbers and sequencing.