### Vocabulary Development

Vocabulary development is extremely important for children’s learning in school. In fact, the more words a child knows, the easier it is for her to learn new words!

Use big words, and tell your child what they mean. When reading together, pause at a word and ask “do you know what this means?” or just tell him if you think it’s a new word. For example “He was furious” “Furious means very mad.”

### Theme of the week: School is out for the summer

Start the day

Here is a list of summer favorites!

with a song!


Question of the week

What do you want to learn this summer? Make a list of new things you can learn how to do. Exploring nature is a great way to learn about the world.

Read about it

Read Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner
https://youtu.be/490uChIgbnk

Reflect

What do you think lives in a pond? Use the internet to find out more! Here is a website about microscopic organisms.

Explore a challenge

Make your own vacation at home! https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/week_10_clover_kids_fun_in_the_sun.pdf

Read about it

Read About it: Life in a Pond
https://bookflix.digitalscholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0052pr/start?authCtx=U.794217314

Do

Make an ice magnifying glass! Directions here:
https://www.steamsational.com/how-to-make-a-magnifying-glass/

Relax

End the day with some Yoga! Can you hold a boat pose? Try it in the bathtub!

https://www.kidsyogastories.com/summer-yoga/

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Reading Tips

- Try to remember to repeat new words throughout the day and give your child a chance to say it too.
- Picture books have great vocabulary – more interesting words than what we typically use in our everyday conversation. It’s this kind of “book language” reading together helps to grow!
- Create a reading routine so that reading daily becomes a habit.
- Check out the Science of Parenting and Just in time Parenting for more tips & suggestions.