



SUMMER LEARNING

Summer Fun All Around

What is it?

Take time this summer to explore your city or town with your child. Everywhere you go you can talk, look, explore, and discover together. This will help your child understand their world and support their transitions to new people, settings, and experiences when they begin school.

Tips and Activities

- Visit your local library and enjoy their family programs. If your child is old enough they can sign up for a library card, or use your own card and help them choose picture books to borrow. You can also look for books about the history, culture, and natural areas to explore in your neighborhood.
- Take a ride on your local subway, train, or bus. When you are underground, talk about tunnels and what might be above. When you go over bridges, talk about what you see below. Take a train to the end of the line and explore new cities, towns, parks, and beaches. On your local bus or subway, see if your child can name the familiar places you pass by.
- Talk with your child about all of the new and familiar things they are seeing, thinking, and feeling. Use descriptive vocabulary—this helps them practice the skills of observation and reflection.



Read All About It

Birth - 3: *Freight Train* by Donald Crews

Birth - 3: *Lola Goes to the Library* by Anna McQuinn

3 - 5: *Goodnight Gorilla* by Peggy Rathman

3 - 5: *The Place Where You Live/El lugar donde vive* by Luna James

5 - 7: *Behind the Museum Door: Poems to Celebrate the Wonder of Museums* edited by Lee

Bennett Hopkins

5 - 7: *Uptown* by Bryan Collier

More Information

- Massachusetts Summer Reading program: <http://readsinma.org/>
- Boston Public Schools, Countdown to Kindergarten site: <http://www.talkreadplay.org>
- State of Massachusetts: <https://www.massvacation.com/explore/bring-the-kids/>
- National Summer Learning Association: <https://www.summerlearning.org/>
- Boston Children's Museum website: www.school-readiness.org

Community Connections

Visit your local libraries, museums, zoos, parks and other community and cultural organizations for new things to see, learn and discover!

- Many locations offer free or discounted admission. Visit their websites for more information.
- *Free Fun Fridays* offer free admission to cultural venues across Massachusetts. For more information, go to: <http://www.highlandstreet.org/programs/free-fun-Fridays>



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