


Here's How To  
Help Your Child

# Read and Succeed

 Elementary Teachers'  
Federation of Ontario

# Summer is Here!



Wondering how best to spend time with your child? Here's one way to do something that's fun and good for both of you - for now and the future.

## Read with your child

### Reading pays off

Reading opens up the world. Children who spend time reading now have better opportunities in the future. Your child can go to college, university, or anywhere. Studies show that academic success, as defined by high school graduation, can be predicted with reasonable accuracy by knowing someone's reading skill in elementary school.

Then there's the added benefit of future employment. Children who grow up with strong literacy skills are more likely to be employed and work in fulfilling jobs. In today's computer-dominated world, literacy is critical. Motivate your child to read now and gain the skills to lead a successful life in the future.

# Make Reading Fun

For elementary school-aged children, make reading fun and interesting. Reading stimulates your child's curiosity and desire to learn. Make it fun and you'll have a reader for life! Here are some ideas for building valuable and meaningful learning experiences with your child this summer.

## Create a travel bag



Include items such as:

- paper,
- maps,
- brochures,
- picture books,
- novels,
- magazines,
- pencils, pens, markers, crayons,
- tape, glue, scissors, erasers.

## Keep a journal



- note the weather;
- describe places and events;
- collect pictures, pamphlets, postcards, tickets, printed programs, free menus, placemats, stickers;
- write about a funny, new or unusual experience;
- try using a calendar format for your journal.

## Read everything

- cereal boxes,
- billboards,
- street signs.

## Map your route



- use highlighters to outline the route to your destination(s).

## Play a game



- develop language and vocabulary with Scrabble, Spill & Spell, Pictionary or Boggle;
- categorize licence plates, roofs of houses, models of cars, kinds of restaurants.

**Summertime** often means travelling. Take a short trip — a walk to the grocery store, or a bike ride to the park. Or take a long trip — a drive to the campsite, or a bus ride out of town. However you're travelling with your child this summer, encourage reading and creative activities.





## Summer Reading

Ever wanted to:

- travel?
- scare yourself?
- expand your imagination?
- go on an adventure?
- learn something new?

It's all possible in the world of books! Choose a title and enjoy! There are lots of great books to choose from this summer. These, and many more, are available from your public library:

### Ages 4-8

The Best Figure Skater  
in the Whole Wide World  
**Linda Bailey**

Mama Likes to Mambo  
**Helaine Becker**

Benjamin s'est perdu  
**Paulette Bourgeois**

Bubblegum Delicious  
**Dennis Lee**

My Grandpa Plays With Trains  
**Myrna Neuringer Levy**

Saturday is Pattyday  
**Lesléa Newman**

These Hands  
**Hope Lynne Price**

Sculpture Vultures: How to  
Make Fabulous Sculptures  
From Used Paper  
**Susan Rennick Jolliffe  
and Jane Ellens**

Why? The Best Ever Question  
and Answer Book About Nature,  
Science and The World Around You  
**Catherine Ripley**

My Two Uncles  
**Judith Vigna**

### Ages 9-11

Adventures With The Vikings  
**Linda Bailey**

The Breadwinner  
**Deborah Ellis**

Zack's Story  
**Keith Elliot Greenberg**

Hooway for Wodney Wat  
**Helen Munsinger**

Silverwing  
**Kenneth Oppel**

A Handful of Time  
**Kit Pearson**

Le long nez de Marilou Polaire  
**Raymond Plante**

Holes  
**Louis Sachar**

Nibbling On Einstein's Brain: The Good,  
The Bad and The Bogus in Science  
**Diane Swanson**

### Ages 12-14

Stones  
**William Bell**

97 Orchard Street, New York: Stories  
of Immigrant Life  
**Linda Granfield**

In Spite Of The Killer Bees  
**Julie Johnston**

Ghost Boy  
**Iain Lawrence**

Charlie Wilcox  
**Sharon E. McKay**

Stand Up, Speak Out: A Book About  
Children's Rights, Written By Young People  
Around the World  
**The Peace Child Team**

La Comédienne Disparue  
**Sonia Sarfati**

Dust  
**Arthur Slade**

So Far From the Bamboo Grove  
**Yoko Kawashima Watkins and Jean Fritz**



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