

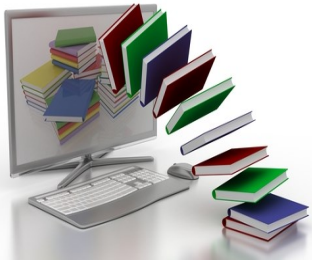
Summer Fun

Activities to Keep Your Child Eagerly Engaged



Learning does not need to end when summer vacation begins. Learning can continue throughout the summer months to prevent children from losing ground academically. Whether you're a parent looking for ways to keep kids engaged or an educator looking for tips, try one of these fun summer learning activities for kids.

Online lessons:



- * **Camp Wonderopolis** is a free online summer learning resource from the National Center for Families Learning, especially targeted for children in grades 2 through 8. It provides lessons on topics ranging from sports to health that include informational text, interactive vocabulary study and recommended reading lists. <http://camp.wonderopolis.org/>

- * **Khan Academy** offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. The Academy tackles math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. <https://www.khanacademy.org/about>

Online resources to promote reading:

- * **Top 10 Things You Should Know about Reading** provides facts about reading and the best practice to use to teach a child to read. Teaching a child to read improves their school success. Keeping a child reading during the summer also improves their school success. <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/top-10-things-you-should-know-about-reading>

- * **The Lexile Framework for Reading** matches readers with appropriately challenging texts, according to their ability. It also provides a way to monitor progress toward college and career readiness. <https://lexile.com/fab/>

Family fun activities:



- * **Specialneeds.com** provides information and resources to families of children with special needs. Included in their resources are activities to please the entire family and to promote learning this summer. <http://www.specialneeds.com/categories/activities/learning-games>

- * **10 Science experiments to try this summer**, these experiments are inexpensive and can take place right in your own yard. <http://school.familyeducation.com/summer-learning/science-activities/74980.html>

- * **Pinterest** provides many innovative posts from parents, who are willing to share their most successful ideas for free. Many of the ideas are simple, inexpensive and can promote learning right in your own backyard.

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/kids-summer-activities/>

Parents are also encouraged to talk to their child's teacher and ask about summer learning activities and opportunities to prepare their child for returning to school in the fall.

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*Building effective partnerships between schools
and families of children with special needs*

PTAC serves families of children with special needs ages 3-21 as well as professionals and staff within the educational setting. We provide information, referrals and workshops on a variety of disability related topics in 12 counties in New York State.

All services are free and confidential.

Upcoming Trainings and Events

June 3- “Autism Everyday” presented by Professor Dylan Emmons and Polly Emmons, MSED.- Join us as Dylan Emmons and Polly Emmons discuss Autism from their own perspectives. This event is being held at the Holiday Inn Oneonta/ Cooperstown, Oneonta, NY from 9:00am– 3:00pm with Dylan holding a book signing following the event. *A FREE copy of his book will be provided to each participant.*

June 9- Dr. Jim Ball presents, **“RAISING THE BAR: New Thoughts on Behavioral Strategies for Young Children With Special Needs and Autism”**- Join us as Dr. Ball discusses practical strategies to use when working with young children with special needs and challenging behaviors. This event is being held at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid, NY, from 9:00am- 3:00pm. **Register online at:** <https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?I=1995278&D=13606> or contact Linda Stapleton at 1-518-464-3938 or linda.stapleton@neric.org

June 10- Dr. Jim Ball presents, **“Setting the Course: Planning the Road Map for Transitioning Children With Special Needs and Autism”**- This presentation will discuss practical strategies to use when working with children with special needs and autism in successfully transitioning from the preschool years through adulthood. Proactive strategies will be provided throughout the day and participants will have the opportunity to engage in a question and answer session in the afternoon. This conference is being held at the High Peaks Resort Lake Placid, NY from 9:00am– 3:00pm. **Register for this conference online at:** <https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?I=1995336&D=13606> or by contacting Linda Stapleton via email at: linda.stapleton@neric.org or by phone: 1-518-464-3938

June 15- “Autism Everyday” presented by Professor Dylan Emmons and Polly Emmons, MSED.- Join us as Dylan Emmons and Polly Emmons discuss Autism from their own perspectives. This event is being held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Binghamton, NY from 9:00am– 3:00pm with Dylan holding a book signing following the event. A FREE copy of his book will be provided to each participant.

July 27- “Challenging Behavior” presented by Stacy Smith, RSE-TASC Behavior Specialist– If you have ever asked yourself, “Why is my child acting like that?” or “How can I get them to stop?” then this is the training for you. Join us to not only learn why a behavior may be occurring but also strategies to use to encourage positive behavior in your child. This event is being held at the Southern Tier Independence Center in Binghamton, NY from 5:30pm– 7:30pm.