

# Summer Literacy Opportunities

Talk, play, laugh, and connect through games, stories, books and writing!

## Games for Oral Storytelling and Vocabulary Experiences (just a few!)

Boggle By Hasbro Ages 8+ a word search/spelling game

Scrabble Jr. By Hasbro Ages 5+ Letter/Word matching game. Also Scrabble

Apples to Apples Junior By Mattel games. Ages 9- Adult

Blurt by Educational Insights. Ages 7 – Adult “An uproarious word race game”

Tell Tale Fairy Tales by Blueorange Games. Ages 5-Adult Storytelling card game

Dragonwood By Gamewright (Newton, MA <https://gamewright.com/> ) Ages 8-

Adult “A game of Dice and Daring”

In a Pickle By Gamewright . Ages 7 and up “a game of creative thinking and outrageous scenarios”

Pairs in Pears By Bananagrams. Ages 5-8 “Familiarize younger children with alphabet and word construction.” (also- Bananagrams, Word-A-Melon, Appleletters)

Super Sleuth By Educational Insights. Ages 8-12 Detective themed mystery and vocabulary game.

Tall Tales Storytelling Board Game Ages 4-Adult “The family game of infinite storytelling”

Also check out Podcast:

<https://www.gimletmedia.com/story-pirates>

## Reading Resources

Newton Free Library – booklist <http://newtonfreelibrary.net/kids/>

Summer Discovery program – from Newton Free Library

<http://guides.newtonfreelibrary.net/c.php?g=576836&p=3978961>

Newton Summer Reading list – sent home by our school librarian

K-1 Reading calendar (link) – sent home by our K-1 teachers

100 book Challenge (link) read in 100 places, not necessarily 100 books

Reading Rockets Summer Booklist

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer/2018>

A few blogs with some great summer reading suggestions:

Goodreads blog

[https://www.goodreads.com/genres/childrens?original\\_shelf=children-s](https://www.goodreads.com/genres/childrens?original_shelf=children-s)

TravelingMom blog

<https://www.travelingmom.com/fun-things-to-do-with-kids/summer-reading/>

Read Brightly website with a focus on reading

<http://www.readbrightly.com/summer-reading-challenge-for-kids/>

## Writing Resources

Keep a vacation diary or journal, research and write about a place you visit or something you discover!

Join Boomwriter Camp. Online interactive writing camp.

<https://boomwriter.com/camps>

Write and publish your stories:

<http://kidslearntoblog.com/10-best-writing-websites-kids/>

<http://www.readbrightly.com/13-excellent-writing-apps-websites-kids/>

<http://www.potatohill.com/poems/submissions/>

<https://stonesoup.com/how-to-submit-writing-and-art-to-stone-soup/>

### A Few Articles about "Summer Slide"

Summer Learning Loss Statistics (and tips to promote learning all summer long)

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/summer-learning-loss-statistics/>

Stop The Costly 'Summer Slide.' Turn Your Kid Into A Summer Entrepreneur

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nealegodfrey/2017/06/18/stop-the-costly-summer-slide-turn-your-kid-into-a-summer-entrepreneur/#229cade3145f>

Science of Learning: How to Minimize Summer Slide

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/blogs/education/2017/06/minimizing-summer-slide/>