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Grades K-1

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Editors' Picks of the Month

Look for these titles in your SeeSaw June Book Club flyer.

Way Down in the Deep Blue Sea by Jan Peck

Who it's for: Kids ready to dive into reading

Why we chose it: The undersea buddies make every page delightful.

Kids weigh in: "I can't wait to learn more about sea horses and starfish."

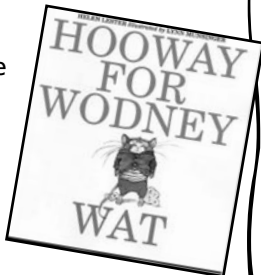


Hooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Lester

Who it's for: Youngsters who embrace their unique qualities

Why we chose it: Heartwarming and hilarious

Kids weigh in: "That'll teach bullies!"



Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! by Bob Barner

Who it's for: Future entomologists, of course!

Why we chose it: Fun buggy facts with pretty illustrations

Kids weigh in: "The rhymes were so great."



Keep Literacy Skills Sharp this Summer

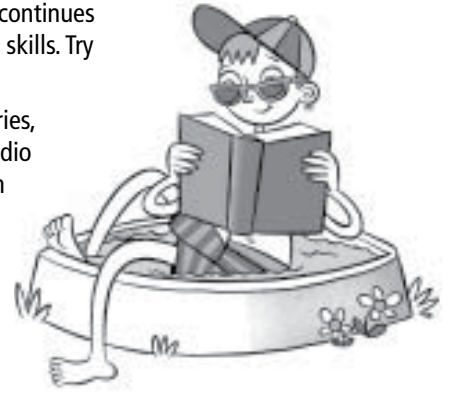
When school's out, it's important to provide plenty of learning opportunities at home to assure that your child continues developing vocabulary, plus reading and writing skills. Try these literacy-building tips:

- **Fill your home with reading.** Favorite stories, nonfiction picture books, posters with words, audio recordings with follow-along books — put them in your child's reach! Then read aloud together every day.

- **Practice writing outdoors.** With a stick acting as a pencil, the beach, sandbox, or soft earth becomes your child's writing pad. Have him write his name, favorite color, or short messages. For a fun twist, use colored chalk on the sidewalk or driveway.

- **Pack a traveler's reading kit.** Before you go on vacation, give your child illustrated books about your destination and a journal in which he can glue photographs, drawings, ticket stubs, and other paper mementos from the trip. Help him add short sentences on each page so you can read it as a book together later, drawing on memories to fill in details.

- **Turn off the TV.** Unplug at least one night a week and share other types of literacy-boosting entertainment — playing board games, telling stories, or simply reading together.



Parent to Parent

To avoid "Are we there yet" questions on the way to family vacation destinations, my husband and I keep a bag of books in the middle seat between our two kids. They can reach in and read whatever they want to keep busy. —Jenn Y.

Ask an Expert

I'm nervous my child will lose her reading skills over the summer. What can I do to prevent it?

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the summer months. And though it's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions, reading aloud together can fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun! Reading aloud benefits all children, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so she will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase her knowledge and expand her experience with text, so that she will do better when she reads on her own.

Meet Our Expert: *Francie Alexander is a vice president at Scholastic, where her focus is on creating materials that help kids learn to read.*

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15 Weeks of Fun in the Sun and Cool Reading Ideas

Keep your child's brain from melting with our Memorial Day to Labor Day activity guide.

May 25-June 3

Catch the summer reading buzz with cool activities and must-read picks at <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/>.

June 4-June 10

Plant a garden together. Find inspiration in books like *I'm a Seed and The Garden*.



June 11-June 17

Celebrate our nation's symbols for Flag Day with *America the Beautiful: A Pop-Up Book* by Robert Sabuda.

June 18-June 24

Make Dad a super-sized poster card for Father's Day with a list of things you love about him.

June 25-July 1

Celebrate Superman's birthday on June 30. Make up a story about his latest adventure, or choose a comic book to read.

July 2-July 8

Enjoy a week-long Independence Day celebration with great books about America. Ask your local librarian for top choices.

July 9-July 15

Go outside and play catch, and then sit in the shade with a great biography, history, or fiction book. The All-Star game is this week, so make your pick baseball-themed.

July 16-July 22

Get ready for Book 7 with a Potter party! The final book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, is released on July 21.

July 23-July 29

Send a letter to a relative. Begin with the line: "What I love about summertime..."

July 30-August 5

Fly a kite! If you're motivated, get a do-it-yourself book and build the kite together.

August 6- August 12

Throw a luau to commemorate the day Hawaii became part of the USA — August 12, 1898.

August 13-August 19

If it's just too hot outside, mark your favorite funnies in a joke book and provide laughs for everyone indoors.

August 20-August 26

Walk through a park with a nature guidebook and identify the creatures you see.

August 27-September 2

Kick off Library Sign-Up Month this September by getting your own card and checking out the hottest fall books.

September 3-September 9

Keep the summer fun alive with a journal. Draw pictures and write words that remind you of favorite summer adventures!



Find the Perfect Book for Your Child

If your child's school uses Guided Reading Levels (GRL) or a Grade Level Equivalency (RL), use this chart to find perfect on-level books from your SeeSaw May Book Club flyer.

Title	GRL	RL
1000 Facts About Space	4.9	P
The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes: It's Music to My Ears	4.9	Q
Biscuit Summer Pack	1.5	F
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!	2.1	D
Clifford Big Red Reader Pack J	1.3-1.8	J
Eric Carle Pack	2.5-4.8	J-O
Froggy Summer Fun	2.1	J
Goldilocks and the Three Bears	4.6	M
Hardcover Award Winners Pack	1.7	G
Hey, Little Ant	2.5	M
Hooway for Wodney Wat	2.5	M
Judy Moody Declares Independence	3.2	N
Junie B. Jones Pack	1.8-2.3	M
The Magic School Bus Science Library	2.3-2.7	P
Magic Tree House Pack	2.1-3.5	L-N
Monkey See, Monkey Do	1.3	D
Moosekitos: A Moose Family Reunion	2.6	L
The Night Pirates	2.3	--
Scholastic Science Readers Pack	1.6-3.9	I-M
Splash! Splash!	2.1	J
Step Into Reading: BeansBaker, Number Five	2.5	K
Summer Reading Pack	1.5-2.7	J-L
Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea	1.4	L
What I Like About Me!	1.3	L

Did You Know?

When you order, your child's class gets FREE books and resources!

Find out more about leveled reading at www.scholastic.com/yourreader.

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Beyond Books

Encourage your child to make her own postcards. Even a day trip in your hometown can inspire cool ideas for drawings. Set her up with colored stencils, blank postcards (available at stationery stores) and a roll of stamps. She can write messages when she's done with her masterpieces, and then you can send them off to friends and family!

Don't Forget!

June is Aquarium Month. Take a trip to the one closest to you, and check out the sea creatures. Help your child sound out new aquatic words on display signs, and pick up a couple of "fishy" books on the way home.