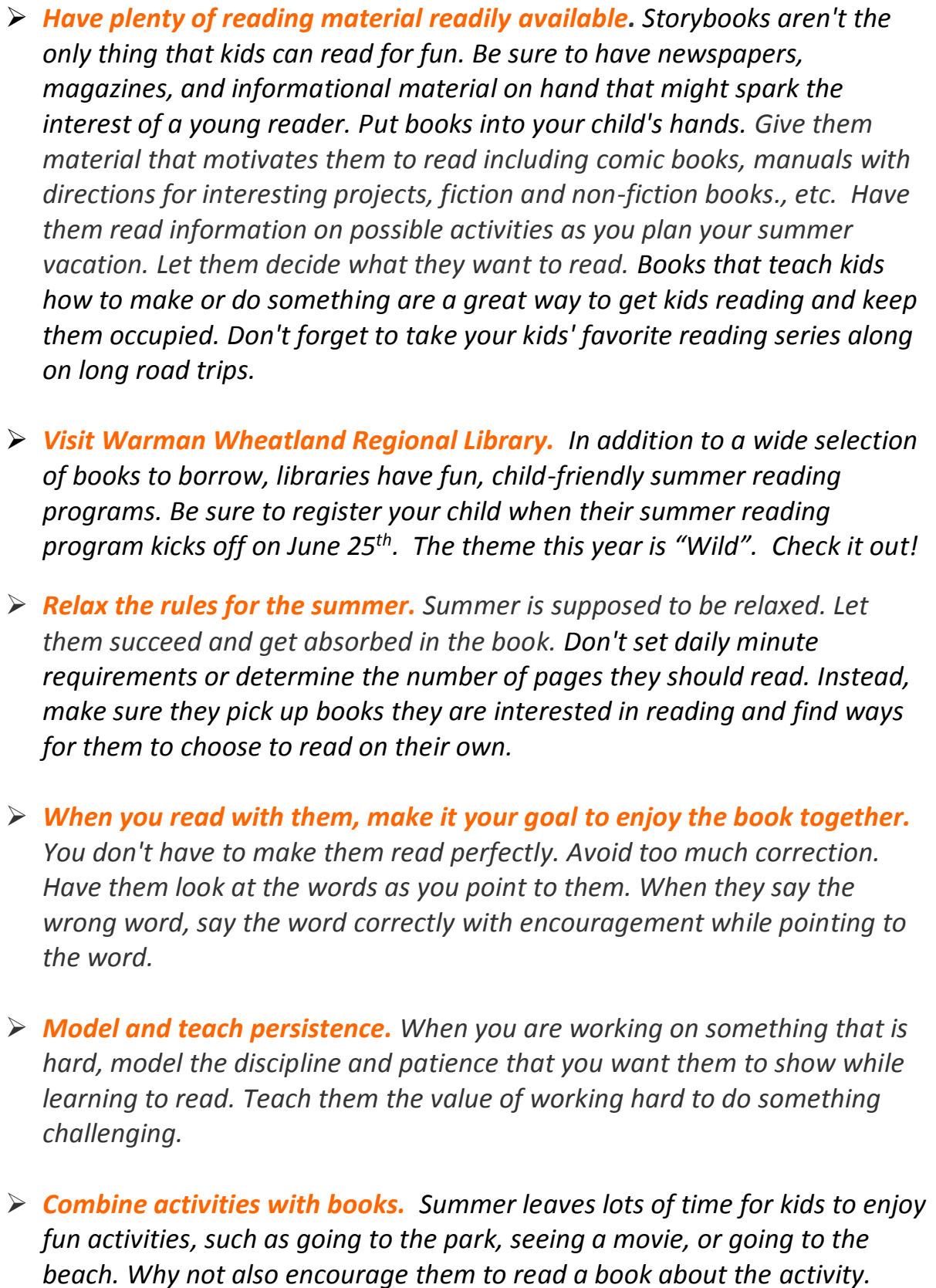



Summer Reading with your children

The school bell may stop ringing, but summer is a great time for all kinds of learning opportunities for children. This “beach bag” is full of activities to help you get ready for summer and to launch your child to fun, enriching summertime experiences. In the “beach bag” you'll find materials and suggestions to help ensure summer learning gain rather than loss. Parents play a critical role in their child's education during the summer — especially if your child finds reading difficult. The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.

Here are some summer strategies to help your child remember what they learned in school and see that reading is both important and enjoyable:

- **Support them as they read.** Read their book aloud to them, help them decode, and make it easy for them to get the meaning. Show them that reading is a way to find out what they need to know, what they would like to know more about, or even to entertain themselves.
- **Visit Warman Wheatland Regional Library.** In addition to a wide selection of books to borrow, libraries have fun, child-friendly summer reading programs. Be sure to register your child when their summer reading program kicks off on June 25th. The theme this year is “Wild”. Check it out!
- **Talk it up.** Talking with your kids about what you have read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life.
- **Read aloud with your child every day.** Take advantage of opportunities to read aloud with your child: sitting on the beach, reading an instruction manual as you try to fix something, reading the interpretive materials at the museum or zoo, etc. If they want to read aloud to you, let them and provide positive reinforcement. Remember to improvise different voices or wear a silly hat to make the story that much more interesting!

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- **Have plenty of reading material readily available.** Storybooks aren't the only thing that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader. Put books into your child's hands. Give them material that motivates them to read including comic books, manuals with directions for interesting projects, fiction and non-fiction books., etc. Have them read information on possible activities as you plan your summer vacation. Let them decide what they want to read. Books that teach kids how to make or do something are a great way to get kids reading and keep them occupied. Don't forget to take your kids' favorite reading series along on long road trips.
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 - **Relax the rules for the summer.** Summer is supposed to be relaxed. Let them succeed and get absorbed in the book. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books they are interested in reading and find ways for them to choose to read on their own.
 - **When you read with them, make it your goal to enjoy the book together.** You don't have to make them read perfectly. Avoid too much correction. Have them look at the words as you point to them. When they say the wrong word, say the word correctly with encouragement while pointing to the word.
 - **Model and teach persistence.** When you are working on something that is hard, model the discipline and patience that you want them to show while learning to read. Teach them the value of working hard to do something challenging.
 - **Combine activities with books.** Summer leaves lots of time for kids to enjoy fun activities, such as going to the park, seeing a movie, or going to the beach. Why not also encourage them to read a book about the activity.

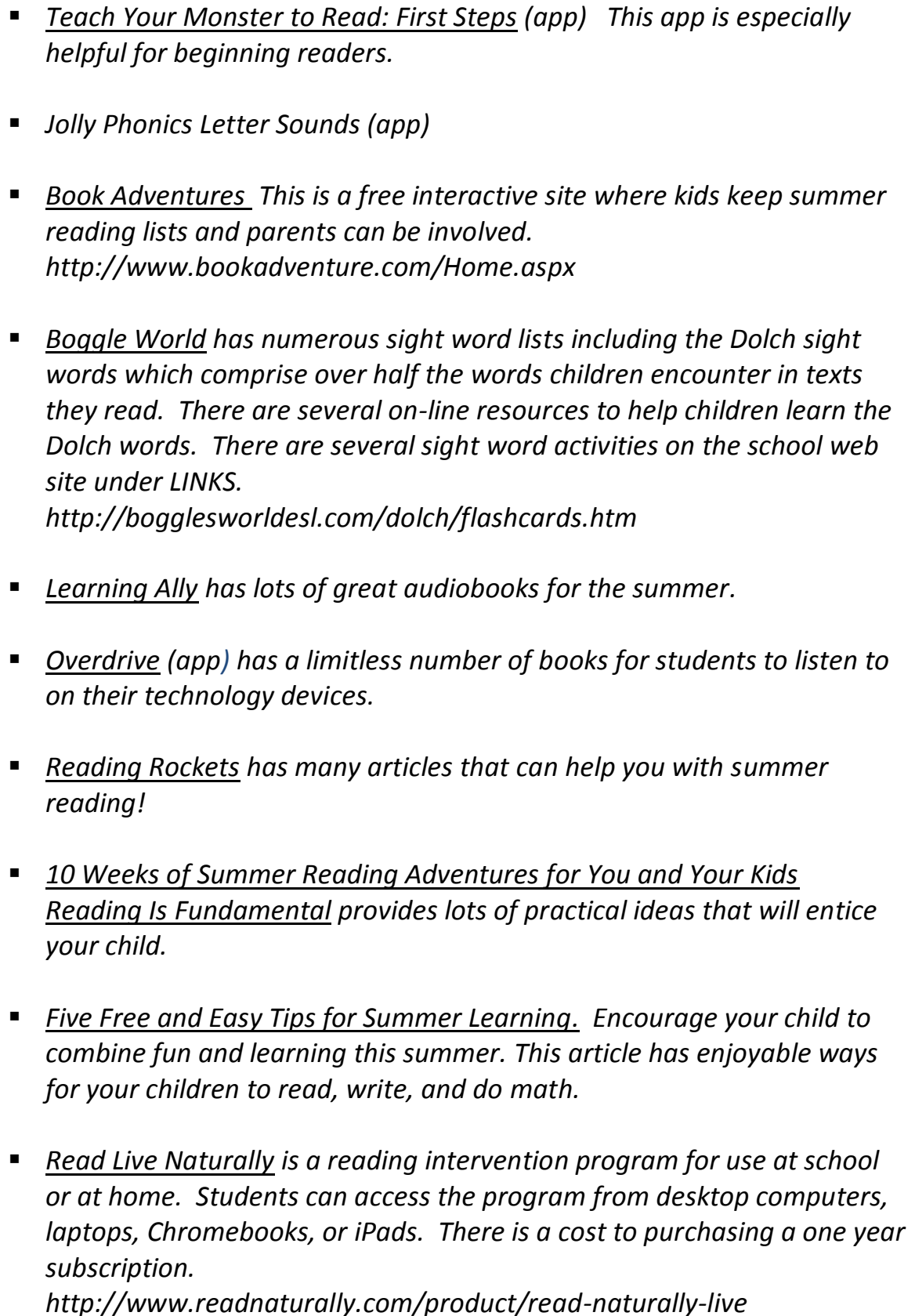
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- **Use technology.** *If you have a computer, equip it with software that reads aloud. Load books into their electronic devices. Graphite is a great resource which reviews and rates digital tools (apps or on-line resources)*
<https://www.graphite.org/reviews>
 - **Be a Reading Role Model.** *Set a good example when it comes to reading. Just remember that it might be easy for you and hard for your son or daughter. Bring books to the beach and read them. If you are traveling, find a book for the whole family to read and discuss. Keep lots of reading materials around the house. Turn off the TV or computer and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.*
 - **Encourage kids to make a summer scrapbook.** *Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.*

Check out these interactive educational sites

There is no end to educational sites and apps that parents and kids can explore together.

PBS KIDS Lab offers the newest educational games, activities and mobile apps, for kids Pre-K to Grade 3.

- **RAZ Reading.** *Students have access to the school's subscription to RAZ-Kids reading, www.kidsa-z.com/login/warman1 or www.kidsa-z.com/login/warman3 during the summer months. Your child will use their personal login information and password that they used during this past school year. Raz-Kids books are also available on Andoid and IOS devices. Go to www.raz-kids.com/mobile*
- **One Minute Reader (app): This Read Naturally iPad App energizes students with exciting, short passages and cool progress graphs that students can celebrate. This app improves fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. It makes learning FUN!
readnaturally.com/oneminutereader*
- *National Geographic Kids: Great nature videos, activities, games, stories, and more.
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>*
- *Discovery Kids: Videos, games and activities, apps and books to explore animals, space, and more.
<http://discoverykids.com/>*
- *Big Universe is an online library of fiction and nonfiction books for kids 0-12 years of age. The site also offers adults and kids the Abriele to create and publish their own stories.
<https://www.biguniverse.com/>*

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- *Teach Your Monster to Read: First Steps* (app) This app is especially helpful for beginning readers.
 - *Jolly Phonics Letter Sounds* (app)
 - *Book Adventures* This is a free interactive site where kids keep summer reading lists and parents can be involved.
<http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>
 - *Boggle World* has numerous sight word lists including the Dolch sight words which comprise over half the words children encounter in texts they read. There are several on-line resources to help children learn the Dolch words. There are several sight word activities on the school web site under LINKS.
<http://bogglesworldesl.com/dolch/flashcards.htm>
 - *Learning Ally* has lots of great audiobooks for the summer.
 - *Overdrive* (app) has a limitless number of books for students to listen to on their technology devices.
 - *Reading Rockets* has many articles that can help you with summer reading!
 - *10 Weeks of Summer Reading Adventures for You and Your Kids*
Reading Is Fundamental provides lots of practical ideas that will entice your child.
 - *Five Free and Easy Tips for Summer Learning.* Encourage your child to combine fun and learning this summer. This article has enjoyable ways for your children to read, write, and do math.
 - *Read Live Naturally* is a reading intervention program for use at school or at home. Students can access the program from desktop computers, laptops, Chromebooks, or iPads. There is a cost to purchasing a one year subscription.
<http://www.readnaturally.com/product/read-naturally-live>

- *Epic* is an unlimited library and is great for finding e-books. It is a paid subscription for home. <https://www.getepic.com/>
- *Bookflix* pairs fiction and non-fiction books together. It is a paid subscription for home.
- Check out these summer literacy activities:
 1. **Kindergarten students moving into Grade One**
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Kindergarten_Literacy_Activities_66523_7.pdf
 2. **Grade One students moving into Grade Two**
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/1st_Grade_Literacy_Activities_66526_7.pdf
 3. **Grade Two students moving into Grade Three**
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/2nd_Grade_Literacy_Activities_66529_7.pdf

