

**Step 1: Choose FOCUS skills**

Select the 5 - 7 skills YOU want your families to focus on this summer.

**Literacy**


**Math**


**Social & Emotional Learning**


## Step 2: Map out moments and do a routine round-up.

You know your families best. Brainstorm a list of moments or existing routines you think most of your families do daily.

### Morning

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### Afternoon

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### Evening

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## Step 3: Activity Planning

Using your work from steps 1, 2 and 3 start building easy activities that support the FOCUS skill, map onto a moment or routine and fit your method of delivery.

FOCUS Skill	Why	Moment or Routine	Activity
<i>Example: Literacy: Fluency</i>	<i>When kids read out loud they become stronger readers.</i>	<i>Making a meal</i>	<i>Reading out loud helps kids become strong readers. As you prepare a meal, invite your child to read to you. Remind them to pause at each period.</i>

## Step 4: Information Presentation

How will you be presenting the information to families?

### Choose it & Check It Calendar

PRO: Gives parents plenty of choice when it comes to picking just ONE activity a day.

You'll need to prepare enough activities for July and August. Remember it's okay for activities to be repeated every once in a while.

It's also okay to change one small aspect of the activity. For example, playing a math game with addition then playing the same game with subtraction on a different day.

Choose It & Check It				<input type="checkbox"/> Making a Meal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Folding Laundry
Summer Learning Calendar				Reading out loud helps kids become strong readers. As you prepare a meal, invite your child to read to you. Remind them to pause at each period.		Part of being a good reader is being expressive. Make up silly sentences and have your child echo you as you fold laundry. Try "Silly socks slip on sand!" Say it in a few different voices!
These activities make it easy to add learning to your daily life. CHOOSE 1 activity a day. DO it. CHECK it off!						
July 2020						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eating a Meal Retelling stories helps kids understand them. Invite your child to retell their favorite story during a meal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Bed A key part of reading is understanding what you read. After reading together, invite your child to act out their favorite part.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> After Reading Asking questions about stories helps kids understand what they read. Can your child tell you WHO was in the story?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rainy Day Listening to stories helps kids become better readers. Create a cozy corner and read 3 of your child's favorite books. You can try audio books too!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Example: Choose It & Check It Calendar

### Brain Bingo

PRO: High on the fun scale, kids love to play games! Bonus: Builds executive functioning skills in older kids.

Brain Bingo				
<b>MATH</b> Help fold the laundry. Pair the socks. Count the socks by 2s out loud. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12.....		<b>HELP</b> After a meal offer to help clear the dishes. Get a BONUS chip to place where you like if you DO the dishes too!		
<b>READ</b> Find an outside spot to read for 20 minutes or more. At dinner share what your book is about and who the characters are.			<b>EXPLORE</b> Remember when we studied Rube Goldberg machines this year? Try making one at home with found objects! Show it to a parent or sibling after dinner.	<b>MATH</b> It's breakfast math attack! Ask a parent to keep giving you single digit addition problems (ex. 5+2) until you get 10 correct.
	<b>DO</b> Have a dance party after dinner. You pick the music ( 3 songs) and invite your family to join you!	☆☆☆ ☆Free Space☆ ☆☆☆	<b>READ</b> After dinner, offer to read to someone in your family for 10 minutes. Pick something you think they'll enjoy listening too!	
<b>READ</b> Build a pillow fort and read for 20 minutes or more. At dinner share your favorite part of the book so far.	<b>WRITE</b> Use the story starter: I heard a loud bang. I looked up and saw a giant spaceship flying towards me.... Write the rest of the story. Read it to someone before bed.			
<b>MATH</b> It's breakfast math attack! Ask a parent to keep giving you single digit subtraction problems (ex. 5-2) until you get 10 correct.		<b>CONNECT</b> Think of a friend or family member that you miss seeing. Call, write or plan a video chat with them. Share why you miss them.		<b>PLAY</b> After dinner, invite your family to play your favorite board or card game. Explain the rules if they don't know how to play.

Example: Brain Bingo

You'll need to come up with a new one of these each week.

Remember it's okay for activities to be repeated every once in a while. It's also okay to change one small aspect of the activity.

This is a great child driven activity for older kids. It works for younger kids to but the lift for parents is greater.

Families are going through a lot right now. Take a moment to think if this is something they are able to take on.

## Make Summer Learning a Routine

PRO: Promotes learning and growth through high repeatable activities

You'll need to decide what routines or moments to use. You'll also need to think of activities that are easy to do and fun to repeat. Families will need a new one of these about every 2 weeks to keep them engaged.

**Make Summer Learning a Routine!**

Doing little learning activities every day keeps your child thinking and learning.  
They'll start the school year ready to learn in a BIG way!  
Here's a list of fun ways you can add learning to your daily life routines.  
Try doing each one a few times a week.

**Good Morning!**

- ★ **Getting Ready**
  - ↪ **Count and Race:** Can your child get dressed before you count to 30! Let them challenge you to do something and count too!
- ★ **At Breakfast**
  - ↪ **Letter Learning:** Challenge your child to close their eyes and point to a place on a cereal box or food container. Did they land on a letter? Name the letter they landed on. Can they find 2 more of the same letter? Make the sound together!
- ★ **Having a Snack**
  - ↪ **Helping Hands :** Place plastic cups, plates, or bowls where your child can reach. Invite them to prepare a snack for themselves and others. Can they count out some crackers?
- ★ **Folding Laundry**
  - ↪ **Sort It!** Challenge your child to find all the clothes that are a specific color. For example, Can you find all the clothes that have blue on them? Next time try a new color.
- ★ **Checking the Mail**
  - ↪ **Shape Play:** As you open the mail, invite your child to cut an envelope into different shapes. What designs or pictures can your child make? Name the shapes together.
- ★ **Preparing Dinner**
  - ↪ **Table Art:** Before preparing a meal, set up an art station with pens, pencils, crayons and paper. Invite your child to draw all over the paper using lots of color. They can use their creation as a placemat. Another day they can make name cards for people.
- ★ **At Dinner**
  - ↪ **Mealtime Questions:** Ask a thinking question at dinner. Let everyone answer! Here's one to get you started. If you could be an animal for a day which animal would you choose? How come?
- ★ **Bathtime**
  - ↪ **Pour It!** Bring a few plastic cups to the bath. Play a direction game using position words (on, behind, in front, below, and above). Direct your child where to pour the water. Try: Can you pour the water on my hands? How about in front of your nose? Behind your shoulder?
- ★ **Bedtime**
  - ↪ **Special Spot:** End the day reading in a special spot that you and your child choose together. It could be on a squishy pillow, in a favorite chair, or outside with a blanket. Enjoy sharing a few books together.

**Good Night!**

## Something Else

You know your families best! As an educator I am sure you are filled with awesome ideas about the best way to reach your families. Write a few of them down here: