

RESOURCES

<https://www.care.com/a/101-fun-things-to-do-with-kids-this-summer-1305030150>

http://www.gallaudet.edu/clerc_center/information_and_resources/info_to_go/resources/summer_camps.html

"[We] often overlook the overwhelming amount of learning that takes place in informal interactions and activities both in and out of school," (p. 64).

Marschark, M. & Hauser, P. (2012). *How deaf children learn: What parents and teachers need to know*. New York: Oxford University Press.

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Deaf Education at a glance...



KANSAS SCHOOL
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OUTREACH

PROMOTING LANGUAGE SKILLS OVER SUMMER BREAK

As summer fast approaches, parents may be wondering how to continue to stimulate their child's language skills during the long break. A deaf/hard-of-hearing child's communication skills do not have to take a vacation just because school is not in session. The Speech-Language Pathologists at KSD put their heads together and came up with some ideas to help stimulate communication growth at home.

- ⚙ Borrow sign language books and DVDs from your public library and watch them together. These materials can also be borrowed for no charge from KSD at <http://www.ksdeaf.org/outreach/lending-library>.
- ⚙ Encourage appropriate videophone, texts, letters, and email conversations with friends and relatives.
- ⚙ Encourage your child to wear his/her hearing aid(s) and/or cochlear implant each day during the summer. Point out environmental sounds.
- ⚙ Enroll your child in your local library's summer reading program. Visit the library weekly. Read to and with your child. Ask them questions about the story. Have your child tell the story back to you.
- ⚙ Go, go, go. Try to give your child new experiences. Vacations are great learning experiences. If the budget doesn't allow for vacations, bus rides, nature trails, visiting the zoo, picnics, bowling, baseball games, cooking/baking together, gardening, etc. offer plenty of opportunities for developing new vocabulary and language.
- ⚙ Give your child a disposable camera and encourage him/her to take photographs of their summer experiences and help design a scrapbook. Help your child to write captions explaining the photos.
- ⚙ Write notes to your child. (Example: "You made a great catch in your ball game." or "Please water the flowers today.")
- ⚙ Make lists. (Example: things your child can find at the grocery store with you, things to pack for a trip, chores to do, etc.)
- ⚙ Invest in a fun journal and pencil for your child to keep a summer diary. (Don't read it or correct it unless they ask).

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

KSD Outreach Mission: To provide the highest quality of services, resources, and support to children ages birth-21 who are deaf/hard of hearing by collaborating with their families, their communities, and the professionals that serve them.