



ABC Life Literacy Canada offers the following tips to encourage literacy and learning over the summer:

1. Be a reading role model! Children learn from their parents, so let them catch you reading.
2. Have your children create a map for your summer road trip and have them navigate by reading signs and billboards.
3. Hunt for words! Throughout your trip, have the family go through the alphabet, finding words on signs and displays that start with the letter they are given. Discover new words!
4. Don't forget to write! Send friends and relatives postcards from different places on your road trip, or better yet, send one to yourself as a visual reminder of your trip.
5. Create a family trip mini-blog to share with friends and family. It's easy using services like Tumblr.com
6. Support the literacy cause. Instead of buying a gift for your child's teacher, why not make a donation in their name to ABC Life Literacy Canada? Visit <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/en/donate-now>.
7. Zoo outings and visits to museums and galleries can be fun and educational. Be sure to read all the descriptions on exhibits and displays.
8. Head to the beach with a good book! Check out this summer reading list for children of all ages: <http://www.hbook.com/resources/books/summer.asp>. Parents, check out Oprah's summer reading list: <http://www.oprah.com/omagazine/Summer-Reading-List-Summer-Books>
9. Have a family picnic and make a delicious meal together! Following a recipe improves reading, math and comprehension.
10. Bring some board games up to the cottage for a family game night. Board games are a fun way to improve literacy skills!
11. On a rainy day, surf the Internet for information on your hobbies, or the latest summer movies.
12. Create online summer photo albums and describe your summer adventures in the photo captions. It's simple on services like Facebook, Flickr, Windows Live Photos, Messenger and others.



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