





35 Summer Activities that Count as Learning

-  Grow a garden (science, responsibility, phys. ed.)
-  Help cook a meal (math, reading, life skills/home ec.)
-  Sort laundry (classification, responsibility, home ec.)
-  Listen to audiobooks (literacy, comprehension)
-  Play board games (math, strategy, social skills)
-  Do puzzles (spatial reasoning, visual analysis, problem-solving)
-  Draw or craft (fine motor, creativity, design thinking, art, sometimes math and science)
-  Write postcards, letters, emails or journal entries -- or even those crazy notes that are part of a game siblings are playing (writing, communication)
-  Invent a game or challenge (creativity, logic, leadership)
-  Memorize a poem, song or verse (literacy, memory work, music)
-  Learn song lyrics (reading, auditory memory, music)
-  Navigate a bike route or park map (geography, spatial skills, phys. ed.)
-  Make popsicles from scratch (measurement, following directions, home ec.)
-  Observe insects or animals (science/biology, observation skills)
-  Go on a nature scavenger hunt (critical thinking, environmental science)
-  Create a photo journal or summer scrapbook (LA/storytelling, tech skills)
-  Build with LEGOs or other blocks (science/engineering, planning)
-  Do a science experiment (hypothesis, observation, results)
-  Make a stop-motion video or mini movie (tech, LA/storytelling, sequencing)
-  Declutter their room or bookshelf (organization/home ec., decision-making)
-  Put on a play or puppet show (literacy/LA, performing arts)
-  Listen to a kid-friendly podcast (comprehension/LA, curiosity)
-  Help plan the grocery list and budget (math, nutrition, life skills/home ec.)
-  Research a favourite animal (reading, science, note-taking, reporting)
-  Visit a museum, zoo or historical site (history, science, culture)
-  Have meaningful conversations (social-emotional learning/health, language/LA)
-  Play geography games or puzzles (geography, memory)
-  Play Minecraft (logic, planning, science, tech)
-  Pack for a trip or overnight (planning, sequencing)
-  Wonder aloud and look things up together (curiosity, research skills)
-  Play in the sprinkler or at a spray park (phys. ed.)
-  Ride their bike anywhere (phys. ed.)
-  Create sofa or sheet forts for playing or reading in (engineering/science)
-  All those crazy imaginative games they come up with (creativity, LA, social skills)
-  Camping (life skills, phys. ed., science)