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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Cut out some comics and write your own words for what the characters could be saying.
<b>2</b> Have a conversation with your child about things they have done, so far, this summer.	<b>3</b> Plan a "TV Blackout" night. Instead of watching TV, read aloud or play games, do a puzzle, or sing songs with your child.	<b>4</b> Two for Tuesday: Read 2 picture books.	<b>5</b> Read aloud to someone today.	<b>6</b> Find what U.S. city had the highest temperature yesterday. Write what you think it feels like to live where it is so hot.	<b>7</b> Take your child to the library and find a poetry book.	<b>8</b> Watch a children's movie with your child. Talk about how the characters are different from each other.
<b>9</b> Make a travel poster for a country you would like to visit.	<b>10</b> Address an envelope with your child so that they can practice writing their address.	<b>11</b> Two for Tuesday: Read 2 magazine articles.	<b>12</b> Turn <i>Summer</i> into a tongue twister! Make up a sentence using as many words as you can that start with "s."	<b>13</b> Plan a "TV Blackout" night. Instead of watching TV, read aloud or play games, do a puzzle, or sing songs with your child.	<b>14</b> Take your child to the library and find a science fiction book.	<b>15</b> Create an emergency contact list: be sure to include your home and important cell phone numbers.
<b>16</b> Make up a story with your child as the main character. Let your child retell the story to you.	<b>17</b> Look up the word "run" in the dictionary. How many different meanings does it have? Did you learn a new meaning of the word?	<b>18</b> Two for Tuesday: Read 2 newspaper articles.	<b>19</b> Reread a favorite book, and share the best part out loud with a friend or family member.	<b>20</b> Find what U.S. city had the lowest temperature yesterday. Write what you think it would feel like to live there.	<b>21</b> Take your child to the library and find a joke/riddle book.	<b>22</b> Listen to music with your child and have them write and illustrate how it makes them feel.
<b>23</b> Have a conversation with your child about the things you used to do during summer vacation.	<b>24</b> Find a picture in a magazine or on the Internet and create a story to go along with the picture.	<b>25</b> Two for Tuesday: Read 2 picture books.	<b>26</b> Use the Internet, the newspaper or books to find out what events have happened on this date in history.	<b>27</b> Plan a "TV Blackout" night. Instead of watching TV, read aloud or play games, do a puzzle, or sing songs with your child.	<b>28</b> Take your child to the library and find a how-to book.	<b>29</b> Plan to cook or bake with your child. Create a shopping list of all the ingredients.
<b>30</b> Write 5 things you would want your new teacher to know about you.	<b>31</b> Write about what you hope your first day of school will be like this year.	<b>Notes:</b>				

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			<b>1</b> Write down and illustrate 5 things you love about summer .	<b>2</b> Make a postcard and send it to a friend.	<b>3</b> Take your child to the library and find a mystery book.	<b>4</b> Write a list of pool and beach safety rules. Illustrate your rules and post them.
<b>5</b> Read a story to your child. In the middle of the story have your child pretend to be the author and tell what the ending would be.	<b>6</b> Plan a "TV Blackout" night. Instead of watching TV, read aloud or play games, do a puzzle, or sing songs with your child.	<b>7</b> Two for Tuesdays! Read two poems today.	<b>8</b> Write your first and last name on a sheet of paper. Cut apart the letters. Use the letters to make new words.	<b>9</b> Show your child a recipe and go over it together. Ask your child to read the steps in the recipe as you work.	<b>10</b> Take your child to the library and find a biography.	<b>11</b> Read a book or a chapter in a book with someone in your family. Take turns retelling your favorite part.
<b>12</b> See if your family has a take-out menu at home. Create an order that everyone will eat	<b>13</b> Turn summer into a tongue twister! Make up a sentence using as many words as you can that start with " s".	<b>14</b> Two for Tuesdays! Read two poems today.	<b>15</b> Help your child write a poem about your family. Be creative. Start each line with a letter from the word "family." Encourage your child to draw a picture to go with it.	<b>16</b> Have a" family election." Read two books together. Have each person vote for his or her favorite book. Count up the votes. Which book wins?	<b>17</b> Take your child to the library and find a fantasy book.	<b>18</b> Read a book about fireflies. Try to catch and observe one.
<b>19</b> Ask your child to tell you about their favorite characters using different kinds of describing words.	<b>20</b> Plan a "TV Blackout" night. Instead of watching TV, read aloud or play games, do a puzzle, or sing songs with your child.	<b>21</b> Two for Tuesdays! Read two poems today.	<b>22</b> Create an "All About Me" book.	<b>23</b> Make up a story with your child as the main character. Let your child retell the story to you.	<b>24</b> Take your child to the library and find an animal book.	<b>25</b> Have a reading picnic under the stars. Take a blanket, a flashlight and a favorite story book.
<b>26</b> Watch a children's movie with your child. After the movie is over, talk about what is real and what is pretend.	<b>27</b> Write about your favorite toy. Describe it and tell why you like it best.	<b>28</b> Two for Tuesdays! Read two poems today.	<b>29</b> Sing a song! Teach your child the songs or rhymes you loved as a child. Help your child make up a silly song.	<b>30</b> Write a letter to someone who has taught you something important. Give or send the letter to that person.	<b>31</b> Take your child to the library and try a new chapter book series.	<b>Notes:</b>