



IDEAS to go...

Convert restless energy into purposeful action. How do you keep students from getting restless and daydreaming about the summer ahead? Try some of these ideas:

- Allow students to teach parts of the lesson.
- Develop outside learning activities.
- Diversify assignments with dramatic presentations, oral reports, and multimedia outlets.
- Increase hands-on activities.
- Have students complete a project evaluation form and post results in class.
- Create a scrapbook of the year.

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Summer learning. Preparing students and parents for summer learning activities to keep students on track doesn't have to involve lots of handmade materials. Here are a few tips I share with families of beginning readers so that learning is not lost over the summer months:

- Hunt for sounds in the grocery store. Can you find something that begins with /b/? Can you find something that ends with /n/?
- Play mystery word in the car. Parent says /c/ /a/ /t/. Student should guess /cat/. Take turns giving the mystery word to make the game harder.
- Make a word train! Start with cat. Change one letter to make mat. Add a letter to make meat. See how many different words you can make by changing or adding only one letter at a time and watch your word train grow.

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Summertime prep