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Make sure to attend this Spring Festival for Families
Saturday, May 20
11am—5pm
Watauga High School, Boone
Fundraiser for Parent to Parent FSN- HC and Western Youth Network

- Battle of the Bands
- Activities and Games for toddlers to middle and high school youth
- Craft and Carnival Activities
- JUMP of Boone! (big air filled activities)
- Climbing Wall Food!

10 Weeks of Summer Reading Adventures for You and Your Kids

It's not hard to help your children keep their interest in reading and learning during the summer break. Here are ten weeks of suggestions to encourage your children to open books even after school doors close.

Children acquire skills throughout the school year, but they can lose ground if learning stops during the summer break. Fortunately, learning never has to stop. Children who read throughout the summer gain skills, can start the new school year with a better understanding of language and the world around them, and discover the joy of reading. The more they like to read, the more they will read.

It's not hard to help your children keep their interest in reading and learning. Children learn through a variety of activities, and almost everything we do presents an opportunity to read. When you're eating breakfast, read the cereal box; if you're in a restaurant, read the menu. Read the newspaper with your children and discuss what's happening in the world.

Reading every day, even if it's for just a few minutes, improves children's ability to read and learn all year long. Here are 10 weeks of activities that involve reading and related skills. There's no
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special order, and you don't have to do everything
listed in a particular week. Just pick the ones that look
interesting and fun!

Week 1: Celebrate summer

- Write a list of things you want to do this summer.
  Don’t forget to include reading!
- Make a chart to keep track of all the books you read
  this summer.
- Write down on your calendar the time the sun sets
today.
- Start a summer scrapbook. Include souvenirs of any
  trips you take, photos, ticket stubs, and projects
  you work on during the summer.
- List all the books by your favorite author. See how
  many you can
  read this summer.
- Swap books
  with a friend. Keep sharing
  books throughout summer.
- Take a walk. Write about or
draw the
  things you see
  that show
  summer is
  here.

Week 2: Keep in touch

- Make a personal phone book. List phone numbers
  and addresses of your friends and relatives.
- Design your own stationery and write a letter to a
  friend.
- Start a journal with a friend or relative. Take turns
  writing in it all summer long. You can even do this
  by mail or e-mail.
- Write a letter to your favorite author. A librarian
  can help you find a postal or e-mail address.
- Draw a picture postcard of an imaginary place. On
  the back, write a message. Mail it to a friend or
  relative or put it in your scrapbook.
- The first U.S. postage stamps were designed in
  1847. Be a philatelist. Design your own stamp.
- Word game! Invent a code (A=1, B=2, for
  example). Send a message in code to a friend.

Week 3: Discover recipes for fun

- List all the ice cream flavors you can think of. Now
  put them in A-BC order.
- Invent a recipe for a cool summer drink. Write it on
  a recipe card. Serve the drink to your friends.
- Go to the library and find a cookbook. Make the
  most interesting dish in the book.
- Read the directions on a box of gelatin. Ask a
  parent if you can help make dessert tonight.
- Work up an appetite by reading a story about food.
  Make and eat the food you read about.
- Word game! How many smaller words can you find
  in the word watermelon?

Week 4: Travel the world

- If you are going on a family vacation this summer,
  read about your trip. Mark your travel route on a
  map.
- Pretend you are going to visit another city, state, or
  country with a friend or relative. Write to the
  tourist bureau for more information. If you plan to
  visit a foreign country, write to the embassy. Visit
  the library and find books about the place you want
  to visit. Or search online for information. Plan your
  itinerary – and don’t forget to check the weather!
- Pick an important news event from another city,
  state, or country. Find as much information on the
  topic as possible – read newspapers, listen to the
  radio, and watch TV news. Talk about what you
  learned.
- Word game! Look for out-of-state license plates.
  Make a list of all the state names and slogans.
  Decide which ones you like the best. Ask friends
  and relatives which are their favorites.

Watch for weeks 5-8 in the next issue!

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Tickets $3 for adults, $2 kids and youth $10 family
Children under 2 free Rain or Shine

Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call
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