

## Planning for Summer

Thinking about a summer camp? It's a great idea! Studies have shown that kids who participate in summer enrichment activities experience learning gains from the previous school year. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you look for summer programming:

**Look for a camp that provides a variety of activities:** academic, physical and social, and active (rather than passive) learning opportunities.

**Does the staff have training** in the academic and emotional needs of advanced learners and kids from diverse backgrounds? Look for a camp that is physically and emotionally safe with adequate staffing.

**Is your child ready for a residential camp?** And is the content of this camp interesting?  
[Read more about choosing summer camps!](#)



## Summer Enrichment Opportunities



We've updated our annual list of summer enrichment opportunities! You can see it [on our web page](#) or [download a pdf copy](#).

## Engaging Advanced Learners



### Language and Literacy Experiences to Engage Children

Regardless of their field of interest, all children can benefit from engaging language and literacy experiences. Try this:

Wordless picture books can spark a rich and complex creative narrative. And the story can change every time you 'read' the book!

Ordinary objects tell a story. Gather several ordinary objects (a ball, a stuffed animal or action figure, a paper clip or whatever you happen to see as you glance around your home) and challenge your child to create a story.

Want to learn more? [Read this article from the March 2019 issue of Parenting for High Potential.](#)



### Encouraging and Supporting Interest in STEM

If your child is excited about technology and how it works or seems to be more engaged when a project or activity includes technology, here are some ideas for you!

Coding: Check out websites like [Hour of Code](#), [Scratch](#) or [Versal](#) for kid-friendly coding experiences that include how-to guides and tutorials. Coding fosters higher-order thinking skills, too!

STEM Apps: There's more to STEM than coding! Busy Water introduces the physics of water to young learners. Zoombinis has been encouraging creative problem solving for a generation, and Inventioners helps kids design inventions while learning physics and engineering skills. All three apps available at your favorite App Store! Want to learn more? [Read this article from the March 2019 issue of Parenting for High Potential.](#)