

# SUMMER SEMINAR 2016

*Activities to Enhance English Language Learning in the Summer Months*



## INTRODUCTION

As the summer vacation approaches, many Nishiyamato students will return to Japan to spend time with relatives. However, many families will remain in California.

This period of time away from school can provide ample opportunities for our students to not only immerse themselves in the English language, but also to discover more about the area in which they live.

We in the ELD and English department encourage you to explore the many English language options available, to give your sons and daughters a head start with their studies before the second term begins. We hope you have a wonderful summer vacation!



GET SPORTY!



GET ACTIVE!



GET TALKING!



GET READING!

The activities in this handout incorporate three important aspects of language:

### 1. RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE

The ability to understand language

- listening
- reading
- following directions

### 2. EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

The ability to communicate using language

- speaking
- writing

### 3. SOCIAL LANGUAGE

The ability to use language socially

- conversation
- social skills

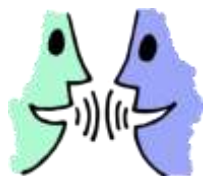




## Receptive Skills

Encourage your child to...

- Borrow books to read from the library
- Silent reading
- Take part in summer library programs (e.g. storytelling, reading groups)
- Watch television or movies in English
- Keep a written reading log
- Listen to English radio stations in the car
- Visit a museum



## Expressive Skills

Encourage your child to...

- Use simple question and answer phrases at home (e.g. "Pass me the ketchup please.")
- Take part in events and activities in your local area (e.g. farmer's markets, sports clubs, dance clubs)
- Keep a written log of words he or she does not understand, to learn more about over the summer
- Read aloud in English
- \*\*Keep talking even if he or she makes mistakes\*\*



## Tips for Social Language Development

Encourage your child to...

- Join a team sports club (soccer, baseball)
- Take part in individual sports clubs (tennis, swimming)
- Socialize with individuals from different backgrounds

There are many clubs and activities in the local area for students wishing to improve their English. We hope you will consider some of these ideas for the summer vacation!

Encourage your child to...

Keep speaking! 😊

Keep listening! 😊

Keep reading! 😊

Keep writing! 😊

## LOCAL EVENTS

What?	Where?	When?
★Reading to Rhythm Summer Reading Program	Torrance Library (310)-618-5964	June 22- August 8
Read for the Win Summer Reading Program	LA Public Library (multiple locations: Harbor City, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes and elsewhere)	June 13- August 6
★UCLA K-12 Outreach	UCLA <a href="http://www.k12outreach.ucla.edu/">http://www.k12outreach.ucla.edu/</a>	through summer 2016
★Summer Reading Programs	CSU Long Beach <a href="http://csulb.readingprograms.org/">http://csulb.readingprograms.org/</a>	through summer 2016
★Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Triathlon	Barnes & Noble bookstores <a href="http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9">http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9</a>	through summer 2016
Free Summer Fun at Torrance Parks	Torrance public parks <a href="http://TorranceCA.gov/parks">TorranceCA.gov/parks</a>	June 29- August 9
Shark Week Crafts & Activities	Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (310) 548-7562	August 7- August 13
English Conversation Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Long Beach Public Library (562) 570-7500	Thursday mornings in August
I Spy Crafts (PS-5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Rolling Hills Consolidated Library (816) 232-5479	July 20th
LEGO Marathon	Rolling Hills Consolidated Library	July 27th

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