

HOP INTO SUMMER FUN

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into Learning

Scan the QR code
for fun resources



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HCGLR HOP INTO SUMMER FUN RESOURCES



HOP INTO SUMMER FUN: 10 WEEKS OF LEARNING, PLAY, AND CONNECTION

Learning doesn't stop when school ends! Staying active and engaged over the summer helps prevent the "summer slide" and keeps children building on the skills they worked so hard to gain during the school year.

To support families, the Hillsborough Campaign for Grade Level Reading (HCGLR) created **Hop into Summer Fun**, a 10-week, themed resource guide just for caregivers and kids. Each week focuses on a fun and important theme, including getting ready for school, reading together, staying safe, healthy habits, STEM activities, family engagement, character building, getting moving, art, and school attendance.

We created this guide in partnership with local community organizations and includes easy, low cost activities, and resources caregivers can use all summer long. It's a great way to keep learning fun while connecting caregivers to supportive programs right here in our community.

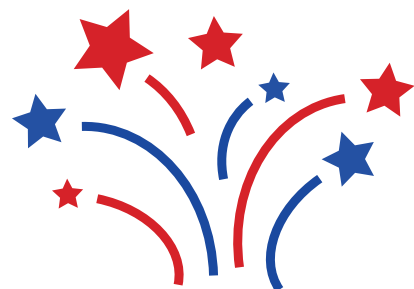
The HCGLR meets every other month on the third Wednesday, and families and community members are always welcome. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please contact Allison Welter at awelter@uwsuncoast.org.



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WEEK 1

FIRST STEPS INTO LEARNING



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WEEK 2

LITERACY

Favorite spot

Let children pick their favorite spot in the community (like at the park or by a lake) and read a story with them/they read a story there.

Story walk

Go for a walk in the community and have child come up with a fictional story along the walk with things they see.

Tampa Bay Times

Summer Learning

Hillsborough County Public Library

Sign up for our Summer Reading program! HCPLC.org

WEDU

PBSKids Boost Early Literacy Skills

PBSKids Literacy with Lists and Labels

PBSKids Super Why Comic Book Adventures

Help Me Grow

<https://helpmegrowfl.org/>

Thrive by Five Tampa Bay

<https://tb5tb.org/resources/>

Glazer Children's Museum

Neighborhood Play Squads



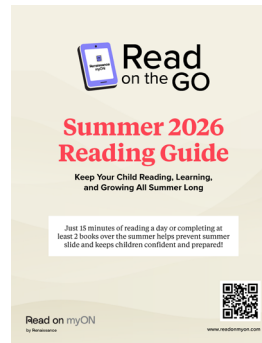
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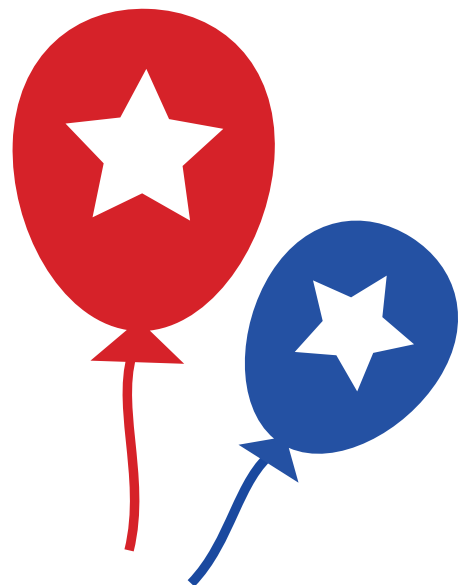
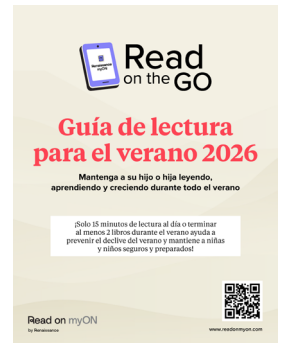
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WEEK 3

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Safety scavenger hunt

Walk around your home or neighborhood and find things that keep you safe (stop signs, crosswalks, helmets, sunscreen, smoke alarms), talk about what they are and what they do.

Beat the heat

Go over different things that keep you safe from the summer heat and why they are important (drinking a lot of water, taking breaks inside, wearing sunscreen).

Hillsborough County Public Library

Check out a book from the library. [HCPLC.org](https://www.hcplc.org)
Attend a summer program.

Tampa YMCA

[Drowning Prevention](#)

WEEK 4

HEALTHY HABITS

Healthy plate

Separate paper plate into important food group categories with how much should be eaten of each, have child decorate plate sections and then put saran wrap over and fill each section with their food group as meal.

Stay hydrated

Let child decorate a water bottle and add dashes so they can track how much water they have in a day.

Hillsborough County Public Library

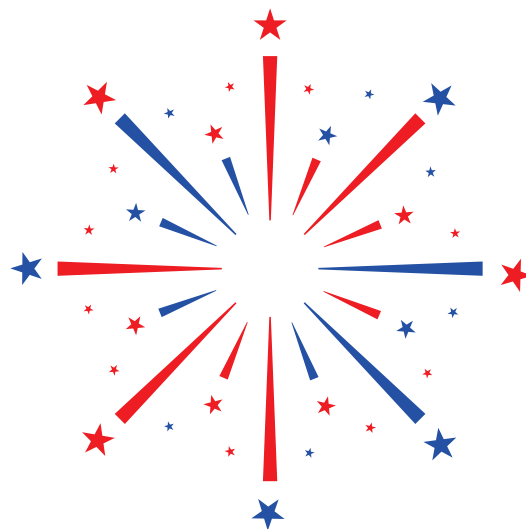
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[PBSKids Health](#)

[PBSKids Indoor Activities](#)

[PBSKids Rise and Shine](#)



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WEEK 5

STEM

Build a bridge

Challenge children to use household items to build a bridge that can hold up their favorite book.

Sink or float

Fill a bowl with water and let children put things in it and guess if they will sink or float, then explain and teach why things sink or float.

Hillsborough County Public Library

Caregivers read for 15 mins with their children.
HCPLC.org

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[PBSKids Weather Hunters](#)

[PBSKids Paws for a Minute](#)

[PBSKids DIY Science](#) (older kids)

[PBSKids Science](#)

MOSI at Home

Virtual MOSI | [Tampa Bay's Home for Science & Innovation](#)

Zoo Tampa

Go Wild at Home: [Resources & Activities](#) | [Zoo Puzzles and Games](#)

Children's Board Family Resource Centers

[CBFRC Programming.pdf](#)

Tampa Bay Times

[Hillsborough Recycling](#)



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WEEK 6

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Game night

Let children go outside and gather materials to produce a piece of art of their choosing.

Cookbook

Find a recipe the child is interested in making and cook it as a family, then write the recipe down, decorate the page, and make it a "family recipe".

Hillsborough County Public Library

Read out loud to your caregiver for 15 mins. HCPLC.org

Help Me Grow

<https://helpmegrowfl.org/>

Hillsborough County Public Schools HOST Programs

HOST (Before and After School, Summer Care) Programs

Hillsborough County Children's Board 2026

CBHC Family Guide in English and Spanish



Glazer Children's Museum

Neighborhood Play Squads

Learn & Play Tampa Bay

We have Neighborhood Play Squads in your area every season!

LEARN & PLAY TAMPA BAY OFFERS

- Weekly 60-minute play sessions
- Songs, stories, and play in English & Spanish
- Support from experienced bilingual Educators
- Time to connect with your child through play
- Social interactions with other parents

For Hillsborough County residents only
For children 0-5 years old and their caregiver

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GlazerMuseum.org/LearnPlayTampaBay

Children's Board Family Resource Centers

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CBFRC General Flyer.pdf

BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR Children's Board Family Resource Centers!

The Children's Board Family Resource Centers are strategically located throughout Hillsborough County and offer programs and services that emphasize family support, child development, health and safety and learning success.

To become a member, please visit one of our Centers. Programs and services are offered to Hillsborough County residents at no cost.

- ✓ Computer Lab
- ✓ CPR and First Aid Certification
- ✓ Developmental Playgroups
- ✓ Developmental Screenings
- ✓ Explorer's Club for Adolescents
- ✓ Family Childcare Service Coordination
- ✓ Parent and Caregiver Networking
- ✓ Parenting Screenings
- ✓ Information and Referral Services
- ✓ Reading Support
- ✓ Health Tutoring
- ✓ Mobile Dental Services
- ✓ Parent and Caregiver Networking
- ✓ Printing, Scanning and Faxing
- ✓ Public History
- ✓ Sight Words Class
- ✓ Social Events and Celebrations
- ✓ Vision Screenings
- ✓ Adult Child Support and Immunizations

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WEEK 7

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Kindness sprinkles

Encourage children to do one nice act a day and keep a journal saying what they did for the day and how it made them feel.

Day reflection

At the end of each day, sit down with your child and ask them to share one feeling they felt from the day and why.

Hillsborough County Public Library

Say hello to your local librarian. HCPLC.org

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[PBSKids Across America](#)

[PBSKids Life Lessons](#)

[PBS Kids Social Skills](#)

[PBSKids Emotions and Wellbeing](#)

[PBSKids Caregiving-Kids](#)

Children's Board Family Resource Centers

[Resource Centers](#)



**Children's Board Family Resource Centers
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CENTER HOURS:
Monday & Saturday: 9am-5pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-7pm
Wednesday & Friday: 9am-6pm

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Visit FamilySupportHC.org for more information.
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WEEK 8

GET MOVING

Neighborhood challenge

Go on a walk outside and assign different movements to different objects, when they are passed do that movement (if you pass a tree jump, if you pass a stop sign stretch, etc.).

Hillsborough County Public Library

Collect your midway Summer Reading Prizes. HCPLC.org

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[PBSKids Get Moving BINGO](#)

[PBSKids Dance Studio](#)

[PBSKids Backyard Olympics](#)

<https://www.camptv.org/>

Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation

[Parks & Recreation Summer Flyer](#)



SUMMER CAMPS
A Summer of Smiles

June 8 - Aug. 7 | Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Session 1
June 8 - July 2* - \$160 per child
*No camp on Friday, June 19, and Friday, July 3, for holidays

Session 2
July 6 - Aug. 7 - \$200 per child

Open registration: April 4
Registration opens at noon.

Space is limited. For registration and more information, visit hick.gov/SummerCamps.

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WEEK 9

ART

Nature art

Let children go outside and use materials to put some sort of art piece together in whatever way they'd like.

Chalk walk

Make sidewalk blocks their own "canvases" and have child draw on a few, then go and walk along it, looking at the chalk drawings like a gallery walk.

Hillsborough County Public Library

Use the children's computer at the library and check out all the cool resources and activities it has. [HCPLC.org](https://www.hcplc.org)

Tampa Museum of Art:

[stART WITH Virtual Education Program](https://www.tampamuseum.org/virtual-education-program)

The Florida Orchestra

[Carnegie Hall Early Childhood Programs](https://www.floridamusic.org/early-childhood-programs)

[Carnegie Hall Orchestra Map](https://www.floridamusic.org/orchestra-map)

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[PBSKids Cartoon Academy](https://www.pbskids.org/cartoon-academy) (great for all ages!)

[PBSKids Young Explorers](https://www.pbskids.org/young-explorers)

[PBSKids Pinkalicious](https://www.pbskids.org/pinkalicious)

WEEK 10

ATTENDANCE

Countdown chain

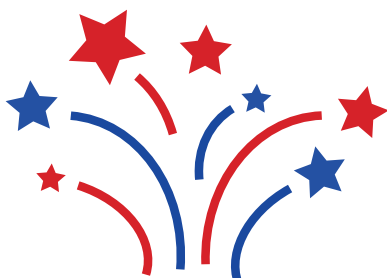
Make a paper link chain with a link for each day leading up to school, have them remove one each morning.

Attendance importance

Highlight the importance of school and show why children could be excited to go to school, see friends and learn.

Hillsborough County Public Library

Collect your final Summer Reading Prizes. [HCPLC.org](https://www.hcplc.org)



Hillsborough County Public Schools

Why Every Day Matters

Why Every Day Matters	
A Student and Family Based Guide to Addressing Chronic Absenteeism	
One in three students nationwide is chronically absent, missing 10% or more of enrolled days—about two days per month. Hillsborough County reflects this trend.	
Stay updated with the HCPS school calendar and track your child's attendance regularly. Click here to view the district calendar	District's Sick Policy Students with a fever of 100.5°F, vomiting, diarrhea, or greater cannot return to school until 24 hours after they have no fever, without fever reducing medication or at the direction of their healthcare provider.
Make a Plan: Build routines. Check in with teachers. Get involved in school life. Have backup transportation options in case of emergencies.	Students missing more than 10% of school reduce their chances of graduating on time by 16%.
HCPS: Partnering with Families for Success Teachers, staff, and support teams work together to address barriers. Strong school-family partnerships are critical to improving attendance and academic success.	64 % 16 % Students who attend regularly in kindergarten and 1st grade are 4x more likely to read on grade level by 3rd grade.
What Drives Students 81% say friendships motivate them to attend. 53% come for school-based activities. 52% of students say they're more likely to attend school when they feel emotionally supported and safe.	*Information used with permission of Attendance Works. Hillsborough County PUBLIC SCHOOLS Preparing Students for Life