



Summer Sizzlers

A Language Arts Adventure for Grades K-3

Dear Educator,

As summer approaches, keeping young students focused on schoolwork becomes a challenge. **Summer Sizzlers**, an interactive language arts program, can help you meet that challenge with its fun, educational lessons that bring summer into the classroom. Brought to you by the 3M Company and the award-winning curriculum specialists at YMI (Young Minds Inspired), the program provides standards-based, hands-on learning activities to help students review and reinforce vocabulary, reading, and writing skills.

Summer Sizzlers, designed for use with students in grades K-3 as a supplement to the language arts curriculum, provides you with reproducible activity masters to use with students and a teacher's guide with extended activities to enrich the learning. The enclosed samples of Post-it® Super Sticky Notes and Post-it® Word Strips, along with Scotch® Magic™ Tape and Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks, can be used to give the lessons some added sparkle. The non-toxic, washable glue stick dries clear and is wrinkle free, and the tape gives the added benefit of being practically invisible on paper, plus you can write on it. You can also visit the website www.3M.com/teachers to view and download the *Bright Ideas Brochure* for more ideas. To keep learning lively in the classroom all year around, add Post-it® Super Sticky Notes, Post-it® Word Strips, Scotch® Magic™ Tape, and Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks to your school supply list.

Also included is a reproducible parent letter to send home with your students to encourage and reinforce learning over the summer. The letter provides more activities that parent and child can do together using Post-it® Super Sticky Notes, Post-it® Word Strips, Scotch® Magic™ Tape, and Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks.

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We hope that you and your students both enjoy getting an early start on summer with these engaging activities.

Sincerely,

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Target Audience

The **Summer Sizzlers** program has been designed for students in grades K-3 as an enhancement to the language arts curriculum. Included are extension activities for grades K-1 and 2-3. **Two sets of activity materials are included for use with this program. Please share a photocopy of the program and a second set of materials with another teacher in your school.**

Program Components

1. This teacher's guide with suggestions for using the activities.
2. A set of three reproducible activity masters to use as worksheets for students.
3. Two sets of activity materials: Post-it® Super Sticky Notes, Post-it® Word Strips, Scotch® Magic™ Tape and Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks.
4. A reproducible parent letter with tips for enhancing learning at home.
5. A reply card for your feedback.

Standards Alignment

This program aligns with national curriculum standards for grades K-3 in language arts. For details, please visit [www.ymiteacher.com/summersizzlestandards.html](http://www.yмитеacher.com/summersizzlestandards.html).

Program Objectives

- To present language arts concepts in a fun, appropriate context.
- To incorporate language arts skills like vocabulary and concept development, decoding and word recognition, and reading comprehension into summer-themed lessons.

How to Use the Teacher's Guide

Photocopy a set of the reproducible activity masters for each student. Distribute to students as needed. Be sure to use the hands-on materials provided to enhance the extended activities recommended with each activity. Also, photocopy the parent letter and give to students to share with their parents.

Activity 1 Color, Color Everywhere

Take advantage of the blooming summer colors to review color words with the class. For grades K-1, show students color word cards written on Post-it® Word Strips and help them begin associating colors with specific objects as you play the "I'm thinking of something (name a color such as yellow)" game. Sample objects might be sun, banana, baby chick, school bus, etc. Give clues when needed such as, "Some of you rode on one

today" (school bus). For grades 2-3, brainstorm objects representing various colors using a web. Divide the students into teams, and place a color word as the center of each web. Using Post-it® Super Sticky Notes, have students write an object associated with that color and link it to the web. See which team has the most links to their web. Have students complete the worksheet and encourage them to think about objects they associate with the summer season.

Extension Activities

- Students in grades K-1 can play a color word matching game. Use Post-it® Super Sticky Notes to make two sets of the color words students have learned. Distribute the notes randomly to students and direct them to find another student with the same color word. Students then work as partners to draw a picture representing that color for the bulletin board. They can stick their Post-it® Super Sticky Notes to their pictures when completed. As a variation, have students use Scotch® Magic™ Tape and write their favorite color word and stick it to an object representing that color.
- Students in grades 2-3 can have fun using color words to make a bar graph. Give students a Post-it® Super Sticky Note and ask them to write their favorite color on it. Take a poll of favorite colors; then make a bar graph on chart paper that lists the top four colors along with an "other" category. Have students complete the graph by placing their Post-it® Super Sticky Notes in the correct places. Review graphing concepts by asking appropriate questions such as: What color did students like the least?, What color did the greatest number of students like?, How many more students liked purple than green?, What percentage of students' favorite color is yellow?

Activity 2 Summer Sparklers

Introduce the activity by initiating a discussion about the summer season. Name specific objects or activities and ask students to name the season. Begin by sharing words such as hot, picnics, ball games, sailing, and sand castle. Once students identify summer ask for other words to describe it and make a list of their responses on chart paper.

Extension Activities

- Help students in grades K-1 create a Summer Word Wall. Provide each student with a Post-it® Word Strip. List summer vocabulary words students name on the chalk- or

white board. Assign words to individual students to write on the Post-it® Word Strips. To make the words sparkle, have students trace them with the Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks and add glitter. Then students can attach them to the class word wall.

- Students in grades 2-3 can review vocabulary words as they create summer poetry. Show students samples of Acrostic poems where the first letters of each line are aligned vertically to form a word. Ask students to make an Acrostic poem from the word "summer" using the vocabulary words from the chart paper and the activity. Use a Post-it® Super Sticky Note for each first letter. After students create their poems, use the Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks and glitter to make them sparkle and draw pictures on Post-it® Super Sticky Notes and stick them around the poem! Use the Scotch® Magic™ Tape to display them in the hallway!

Activity 3 Super Summer Stories

This activity helps students review their summer vocabulary and reinforce reading and writing skills as they write about a summer event. Explain to students that they are going to embark on a summer adventure. Write the words tent, fire, deer, fun, and woods on Post-it® Word Strips as clues to help students determine the type of trip. For grades 2-3, scramble the words on the Post-it® Word Strips and have them unscramble the words to determine the type of trip. Then have students finish the worksheet by cutting out the words and using Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks to glue the words in the correct places in the letter. Using Scotch® Magic™ Tape, ask students to fold their activity sheets into a note or even a tent and take it home to share with their family.

Extension Activities

- Help students in grades K-1 review the names and characteristics of animals they may see during a family camping trip. Using poster board, create a class camping scene. Have students make their favorite animal(s) out of construction paper, Scotch® Magic™ Tape, Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks, and Post-it® Super Sticky Notes to place in the scene. Encourage students to use textured materials to make their animals come to life. Ask each student to place their animal in the scene and describe their animal's characteristics.

- Students in grades 2-3 can write a letter to their friends describing all the fun animals they might see on a family camping trip. Ask students to fold a piece of construction paper in half to make a card and, using Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks, glue their letter inside. Then ask students to make their favorite animal(s) out of construction paper, Scotch® Magic™ Tape, Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks, and Post-it® Super Sticky Notes to decorate their card.

Bright Ideas for Teachers

- Practice letter sounds – use Scotch® Magic™ Tape or Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks to make collages for each letter of the alphabet. Cut pictures out of old magazines that begin with a particular letter and glue or tape them to construction paper.
- Develop vocabulary – use Post-it® Super Sticky Notes to create word walls and label objects.
- Create word families – use Post-it® Word Strips to help students see word patterns.
- Practice spelling – have students use Post-it® Super Sticky Notes to help each other scramble and unscramble words.

For more bright ideas see the **Bright Ideas Brochure** at www.3M.com/teachers



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Summer Sizzlers

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been using Post-it® Super Sticky Notes and Post-it® Word Strips along with Scotch® Magic™ Tape and Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks to review reading and writing skills through a hands-on educational program called Summer Sizzlers. The program was made possible by the 3M Company, which is committed to educating students.

You can help your child build on these skills now and over the summer by trying some of these simple activities using Post-it® Super Sticky Notes (in sizes 3x3 and 4x4), Post-it® Word Strips, Scotch® Magic™ Tape, and Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks.

- **Increase spelling and word recognition skills** by unscrambling letters to make a word. Write individual letters on 3x3 Post-it® Super Sticky Notes, stick them up anywhere around your home and car, and have your child unscramble them to make a word. For example, the letters p p l e a s when arranged spell "apples."
- **Have a scavenger hunt at home** by writing descriptions such as soft or a color word on Post-it® Word Strips. Then have family members draw a word and find an item that represents the word. The first one back with the item wins.
- **Build word families on the refrigerator** by writing common word endings such as at, ime, or old on 4x4 Post-it® Super Sticky Notes. Then have your child write the alphabet letters on other Post-it® Super Sticky Notes and experiment with placing them in front of the endings to make words.
- **Spread some summer cheer to friends and family** by creating decorative cards with a special summer message. Help your child decide who the card is for and what you would like to tell this person. Maybe you want to share a summer trip, wish someone a special day, or tell someone that you miss them. Help your child write their message on the card and then decorate it by attaching more paper or other decorations with Scotch® Magic™ Tape and Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks.
- **Play word games when traveling in the car** by giving your child a pad of 4x4 Post-it® Super Sticky Notes with a word on each. Your child must try to find that word on road signs, trucks, buildings, etc. To add to the challenge, give a number of sightings needed or a time limit. Once the objective is reached or time runs out, your child writes the number of times the word was found on the note and advances to the next one.
- **Capture your family's summer vacation adventure** by having your child create a vacation keepsake that they can hang in their room or place in their scrapbook. Have your child write a short story about their vacation. If your child is younger, ask them to tell you the story as you record it for them. Using Scotch® Magic™ Tape and Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks, decorate the story page with vacation pictures, glitter, construction paper, yarn, etc. Use Scotch® Magic™ Tape to mount the page to the wall or scrapbook.



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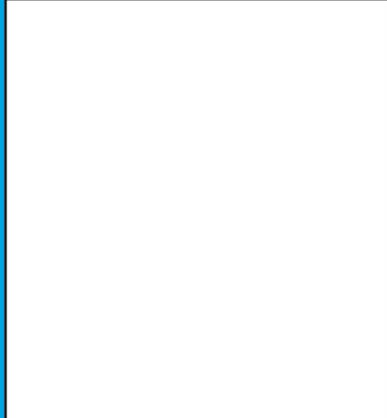
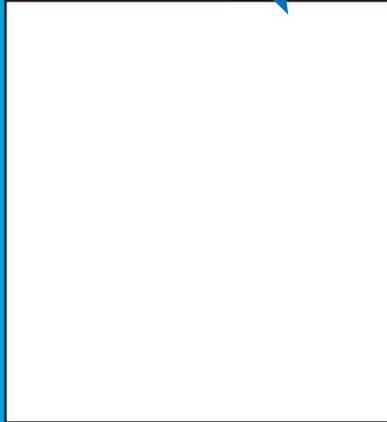
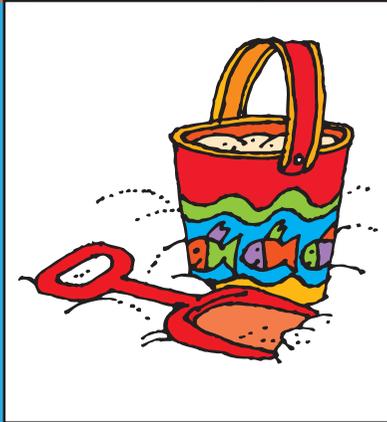
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1 Color, Color Everywhere

Red! Yellow! Blue!
Everywhere you
look, you see color.
Let's add some
summer color to this
paper.

Look at the color
words. Think summer!
What object do you
picture? Draw it in the
blank space. The first
one is done for you.

Then, write the name
of each object on a
3x3 Post-it® Super
Sticky Note. Stick the
Post-it® Super Sticky
Notes along the
bottom of the activity
sheet and exchange
sheets with a partner.
Match the words to the
pictures by sticking the
correct Post-it® Super
Sticky Note on top of
the object.



Challenge:

Draw your favorite
summer scene. Using
Scotch™ Clear Glue
Sticks, glue materials
like glitter, construction
paper, buttons, yarn,
grass, or leaves to
your summer scene.

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Summer Sparklers

Here comes summer! The sun is bright. You wear lighter clothes. You play outside and try to stay cool!

Find the summer items in the picture. Draw a line from the word listed below to the correct item in the picture. Then color the picture. Use Scotch® Magic™ Tape to display your activity sheets in the classroom or hallway!



bike

sun

ice cream

hat

popsicle

ball

dog

swing

sunglasses

shorts

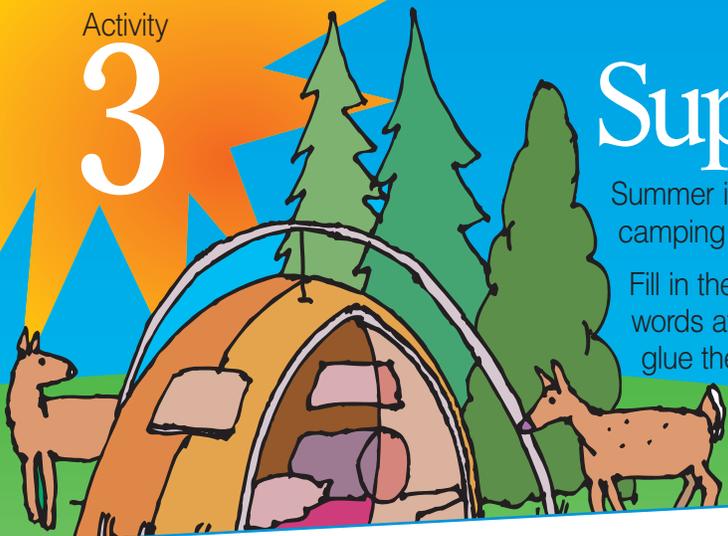
Challenge: Think about your favorite summertime object. Draw it on a Post-it® Super Sticky Note and stick it to your activity sheet. Then, write a sentence using your favorite summertime object on a Post-it® Word Strip. In small groups, use the sentences to tell your own summer adventure.



Super Summer Stories

Summer is fun time! Let's pretend we had fun on a summer camping trip. We'll write to tell a family member or friend about it.

Fill in the name of the person you want to tell about the trip. Cut out the words at the bottom of the page and, using Scotch® Clear Glue Sticks, glue them in the correct blanks. Don't forget to sign your name!



Dear _____,

We went on a camping trip. It was lots of _____.

I slept in a _____.

We cooked breakfast over a _____.

We went hiking in the _____.

We saw a baby _____.

Love,

woods

deer

tent

fire

fun



Challenge:

Write your favorite summertime word on Post-it® Super Sticky Notes, writing one letter per note. Scramble the letters and give it to a partner to unscramble.



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