

# SUMMER READING

## READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

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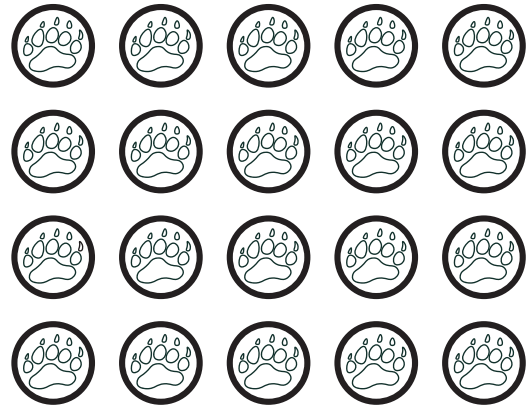
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**How to play:** Fill in a bear paw print for every activity that you and your child complete. Activities don't have to match the suggested activities below. Repeat favorites or invent your own!

When you complete 10 activities, come in for your free Kindermusik Shaker Egg (pictured on left).



When you complete 20 activities, come in to pick up a free board book for your little one and a free canvas tote for you!



- Go on a nature scavenger hunt. Have a list of things for children to find or identify - squirrel, leaf, tree, flower (what color?), clouds etc.
- Sit on cushions on the floor and pretend to be in a boat. Sing "Row, Row, Row, Your Boat."
- Make a tent out of blankets and pretend to be camping in the forest.
- Take time to observe an ant hill or the ladybug that has landed on your stroller. They are an important part of our ecosystem!
- Shadow play on a sunny day!
- Blow bubbles! Ask questions!
- Bring a blanket outside and have some tummy time.
- Draw the outline of your child's hand. Write the date, and have your child "sign" the drawing.
- Go for a walk and talk about things that are growing.
- Sing a favorite song. Then make up new words, and sing again.
- Pour cornmeal in a shallow pan. Enjoy the texture and making marks.
- Have a puppet or stuffed animal "read" a book.
- Spend 10 cuddly minutes reading together.
- Plan a picnic. Make a menu with pictures. Talk about the menu when putting the picnic together.
- Play music with a fast tempo when you pick up and put toys away.
- Talk about today's weather. What should you wear?
- Find three books at the library about summer.
- Count the petals on a flower.
- Paint on the sidewalk with water. Watch it evaporate.
- Using a brush, paint your child with water, naming body parts. Let them manipulate the brush themselves.
- Make patterns from strips or slices of fruit or vegetables. Eat and repeat!
- Sit outside and make a list of seven things you see with your child.
- Talk about what made you happy today.

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