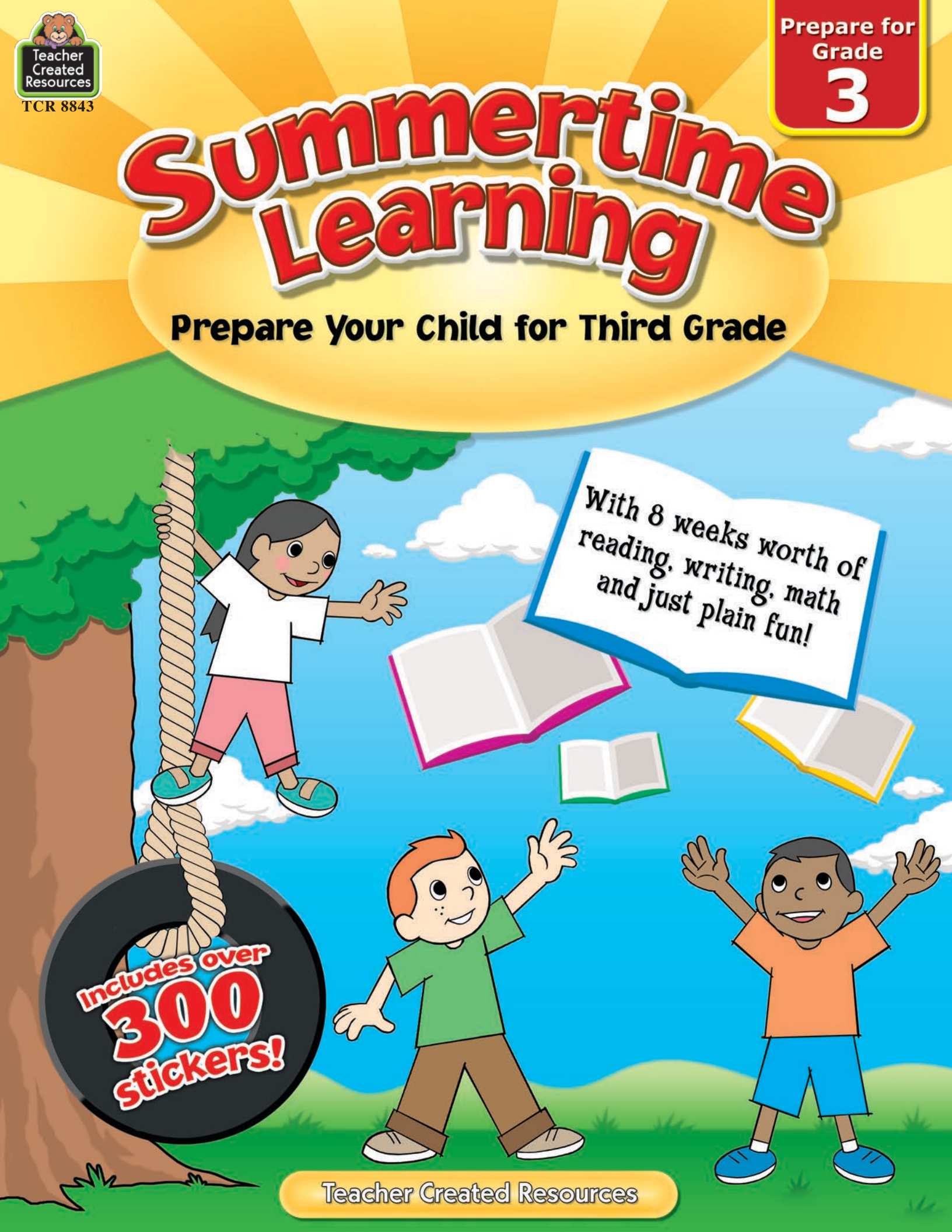


Summertime Learning

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A Message From the National Summer Learning Association

Dear Parents,

Did you know that all young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer? That means some of what they've spent time learning over the preceding school year evaporates during the summer months. However, summer learning loss *is* something that you can help prevent. Summer is the perfect time for fun and engaging activities that can help children maintain and grow their academic skills. Here are just a few:

- ⚙ Read with your child every day. Visit your local library together, and select books on subjects that interest your child.
- ⚙ Ask your child's teacher for recommendations of books for summer reading. The Summer Reading List in this publication is a good start.
- ⚙ Explore parks, nature preserves, museums, and cultural centers.
- ⚙ Consider every day as a day full of teachable moments. Measuring in recipes and reviewing maps before a car trip are ways to learn or reinforce a skill. Use the Learning Experiences in the back of this book for more ideas.
- ⚙ Each day, set goals to accomplish. For example, do five math problems or read a chapter in a book.
- ⚙ Encourage your child to complete the activities in books, such as *Summertime Learning*, to help bridge the summer learning gap.

Our vision is for every child to be safe, healthy, and engaged in learning during the summer. Learn more at www.summerlearning.org and www.summerlearningcampaign.org.

Have a *memorable* summer!

Ron Fairchild
Chief Executive Officer
National Summer Learning Association



How to Use This Book

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Day by Day

You can have your child do the activities in order, beginning on the first Monday of summer vacation. He or she can complete the two lessons provided for each day. It does not matter if math, reading, or writing is completed first. The pages are designed so that each day of the week's lessons are back to back. The book is also perforated. This gives you the option of tearing the pages out for your child to work on. If you opt to have your child tear out the pages, you might want to store the completed pages in a special folder or three-ring binder that your child decorates.

Pick and Choose

You may find that you do not want to have your child work strictly in order. Feel free to pick and choose any combination of pages based on your child's needs and interests.

All of a Kind

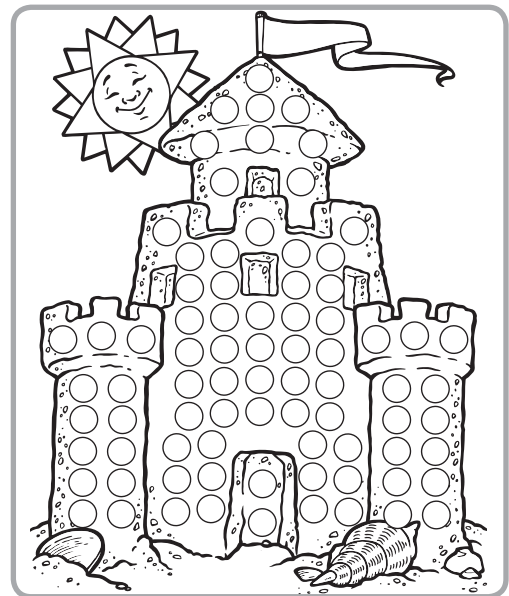
Perhaps your child needs more help in one area than another. You may opt to have him or her work only on math, reading, or writing.

Keeping Track

A Reward Chart is included on page 10 of this book, so you and your child can keep track of the activities that have been completed. This page is designed to be used with the stickers provided. Once your child has finished a page, have him or her put a sticker on the castle. If you don't want to use stickers for this, have your child color in a circle each time an activity is completed.

The stickers can also be used on the individual pages. As your child finishes a page, let him or her place a sticker in the sun at the top of the page. If he or she asks where to begin the next day, simply have him or her start on the page after the last sticker.

There are enough stickers to use for both the Reward Chart and the sun on each page. Plus, there are extra stickers for children to enjoy.



Solving Problems



Week 8: Wednesday

Math

Directions: Solve each problem. Show your work.

1. I had a whole pie.
I cut it in half.
How many pieces
of pie do I have now?



I have _____ piece(s) of pie.

2. Rocky ordered a pizza.
The pizza was cut
into four equal pieces.
Rocky ate half of the pizza.
How many pieces did Rocky eat?



Rocky ate _____ piece(s) of pizza.

3. Ricky had nine marbles.
He kept $\frac{1}{3}$. He gave
 $\frac{1}{3}$ to Sonya and $\frac{1}{3}$
to Len. How many marbles does
each person have now?



Each person has _____ marble(s).

4. Marilyn had five houses.
She sold $\frac{1}{5}$ of them.
How many houses did
she keep?



Marilyn kept _____ house(s).



In Charge

Week 8: Wednesday

Writing

Directions: Create a poem by completing the page below. Remember, a poem doesn't have to rhyme!

If I were in charge of the world,

I'd cancel _____,

_____,

_____, and also

_____.

If I were in charge of the world,

There'd be _____

_____,

_____,

_____, and

_____.

If I were in charge of the world,

You wouldn't have _____.

You wouldn't have _____.

You wouldn't have _____ or

_____.

You wouldn't even have _____.

If I were in charge of the world,

_____.

And a person who sometimes forgot _____

And sometimes forgot _____

Would still be allowed to be in charge of the world.



Summer Reading List

- ☼ **Ghost of the Southern Belle: A Sea Tale** by Odds Bodkin
Captain LeNoir's ship may have crashed on rocks and sank, but he and his ghostly crew continue to haunt the waters where they met their demise.
- ☼ **The Treekeepers** by Susan Britton
This is a fantasy story about a young street urchin named Bird who sets out to find her real father but meets trouble and makes friends along the way.
- ☼ **Keeper of the Doves** by Betsy Byars
Four sisters tease and torment an old man who once saved their father's life as they learn about loyalty and life.
- ☼ **The Janitor's Boy** by Andrew Clements
Fifth-grader Jack finds himself the object of ridicule and practical jokes when his father's job becomes known around school.
- ☼ **Granny Torelli Makes Soup** by Sharon Creech
Granny Torelli imparts life lessons and advice to her granddaughter while making and sharing Italian food.
- ☼ **A Door in the Woods** by James Dashner
Book one in the Jimmy Fincher saga shows Jimmy witnessing something while perched in a tree in the woods that turns his world upside down. The following month is full of adventure and legends come to life!
- ☼ **The Lemonade War** by Jacqueline Davies
Evan's little sister is skipping third grade. Not only is she skipping third grade, but she's also going to be in Evan's fourth-grade classroom at the beginning of the year! This starts a war to see which of them can make the most money in the week before school starts.
- ☼ **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DeCamillo
This is an enchanting and enriching story about the journey of Edward Tulane, a toy rabbit made entirely of fine china, as he goes from living a life of luxury to finding true friendships and love in circumstances he never imagined.
- ☼ **The Gollywopper Games** by Jody Feldman
The Golly Toy & Game Company's Ultimate Championship is the only thing standing between Gil Goodson and true happiness. Can he beat the other kids on live TV?

Making the Most of Summertime Reading

When reading these books with your child, you may wish to ask the questions below. The sharing of questions and answers will enhance and improve your child's reading comprehension skills.

- ☼ Why did you choose this book to read?
- ☼ Name a character from the story that you like. Why do you like him or her?
- ☼ Where does the story take place? Do you want to vacation there?
- ☼ Name a problem that occurs in the story. How is it resolved?
- ☼ What is the best part of the story so far? Describe it!
- ☼ What do you think is going to happen next in the story? Make a prediction!
- ☼ Who are the important characters in the story? Why are they important?
- ☼ What is the book about?
- ☼ What are two things you have learned by reading this book?
- ☼ Would you tell your friend to read this book? Why or why not?

Summer Reading List

(cont.)



⚙ **The Green Dog: A Mostly True Story** by Suzanne Fisher Staples

A young girl has an imaginary dog-friend, “Jeff,” because she’s always wanted a dog. When a black-and-white stray comes into her life, she knows he’s the dog for her. After a while, trouble arises when her dog has a way of getting into mischief, and the family has to make a tough decision.

⚙ **Sir Reginald’s Logbook** by Matt Hammill

Sir Reginald writes about his search for the mysterious “Lost Tablet of Illusion.” Is it in the deepest jungle? Is it on the tallest peak? Or is it some place more familiar?

⚙ **How Strong Is It?** by Ben Hillman

This is a nonfiction book that compares the strength of twenty-two different objects or animals, including glue, gravity, and spider webs.

⚙ **Babymouse #9: Monster Mash** by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm

This graphic novel will surely capture your attention! Babymouse wants to have the best Halloween party and the best Halloween costume. But she runs into some obstacles along the way.

⚙ **Dragon Keepers #1: Dragon in the Sock Drawer** by Kate Klimo

Jesse finds a “thunder egg” while out hunting for rocks one afternoon. Soon, something is asking to be let out of the egg...and the adventure begins!

⚙ **Savvy** by Ingrid Law

Mib, who is almost a teenager, is in a magical family when disaster strikes her Poppa. She only hopes her magical power, which hasn’t blossomed yet, can save him!

⚙ **Pictures of Hollis Woods** by Patricia Reilly Giff

Hollis, an orphan, has always wished for a family and one day is adopted by a retired art teacher for whom she becomes a caregiver.

⚙ **Sideways Stories from Wayside School** by Louis Sachar

Wayside School was built wrong; it should have thirty classrooms side by side, but they were built on top of each other instead! This collection of short stories introduces you to the students and staff of Wayside School—characters you’ll never forget!

⚙ **Where I Live** by Eileen Spinelli

This is a touching tale about a family forced to move from their beloved home when the father loses his job. Will they ever feel comfortable in their new home?

⚙ **Piper Reed, Navy Brat** by Kimberly Willis Holt

Piper Reed’s father is in the Navy and has already moved her family around more times than she can count. Will she and her sisters survive the latest move to Pensacola, Florida?



Learning Experiences

Here are some fun, low-cost activities that you can do with your child. You'll soon discover that these activities can be stimulating, educational, and complementary to the other exercises in this book.

Flash Cards

Make up all types of flash cards. Depending on your child's interest and grade level, these cards might feature enrichment words, math problems, or states and capitals. You can create them yourself with markers or on a computer. Let your child help cut pictures out of magazines and glue them on. Then, find a spot outdoors, and go through the flash cards with your child.

Project Pantry

Find a spot in your house where you can store supplies. This might be a closet or a bin that stays in one spot. Get some clean paint cans or buckets. Fill them with all types of craft and art supplies. Besides the typical paints, markers, paper, scissors, and glue, include some more unusual things, such as tiles, artificial flowers, and wrapping paper. This way, whenever you and your child want to do a craft project, you have everything you need at that moment.

The Local Library

Check out everything that your local library has to offer. Most libraries offer summer reading programs with various incentives. Spend an afternoon choosing and then reading books together.

Collect Something

Let your child choose something to collect that is free or inexpensive, such as paper clips or buttons. If your child wants to collect something that might be impractical, like horses, find pictures in magazines or catalogs, and have your child cut them out and start a picture collection.

Grocery Store Trip

Instead of making a trip to the grocery store a chore, make it a challenge. Even with nonreaders, you can have them help you find items on the shelf. Start by giving your child a list of his or her own. Review the list before you go. For nonreaders, you might want to cut pictures from ads. Many stores even have smaller shopping carts, so your child can have his or her own cart to fill. Once you get to an aisle where you know there is something on your child's list, prompt him or her to find the item. You may have to help your child get something down from a shelf.

Eating the Alphabet

Wouldn't it be fun to eat the alphabet? During the course of the summer, see how many fresh fruits and vegetables you can eat from A to Z. You and your child can make a poster or a chart with the letters A–Z on it. Once you have the chart, each time your child eats a fruit or vegetable, write it next to the matching letter of the alphabet. You can also let your child draw a picture of what he or she has eaten.

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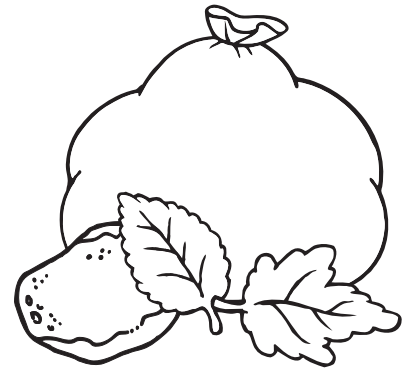


How Much Does It Cost?

If you go out for a meal, have your child help total the bill. Write down the cost of each person's meal. Then, have your child add them all together. You can vary this and make it much simpler by having your child just figure out the cost of an entrée and a drink or the cost of three desserts. You might want to round the figures first.

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Take a walk, go to a park, or hike in the mountains. But before you go, create a scavenger hunt list for your child. This can consist of all sorts of things found in nature. Make sure your child has a bag to carry everything he or she finds. (Be sure to check ahead of time about the rules or laws regarding removing anything.) You might include things like a leaf with pointed edges, a speckled rock, and a twig with two small limbs on it. Take a few minutes to look at all the things your child has collected, and check them off the list.



Measure It!

Using a ruler, tape measure, or yardstick is one way to see how tall something is. Start with your child, and find out how tall he or she is. Now find other things to measure and compare. Find out how much shorter a book is compared to your child, or discover how much taller the door is than your child. To measure things that can't be measured with a ruler, take some string and stretch it around the object. Cut or mark it where it ends. Then, stretch the string next to the ruler or tape measure to find out how long it is. Your child may be surprised at how different something that is the same number of inches looks when the shape is different.

Take a Trip, and Keep a Journal

If you are going away during the summer, have your child keep a journal. Depending on his or her age, this can take a different look. A young child can collect postcards and paste them into a blank journal. He or she can also draw pictures of places he or she is visiting. An older child can keep a traditional journal and draw pictures. Your child can also do a photo-journal if a camera is available for him or her to use.

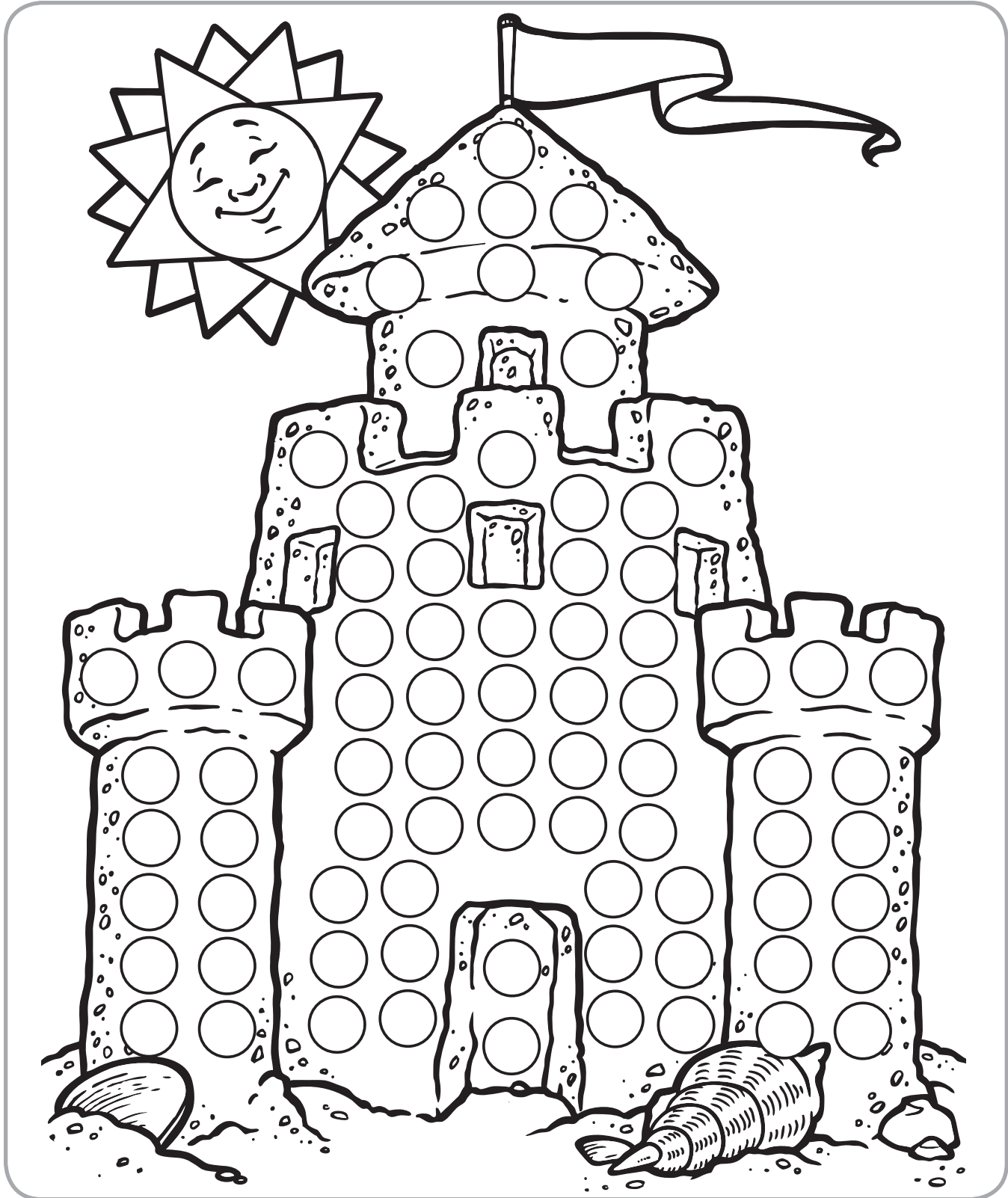
Be a Scientist

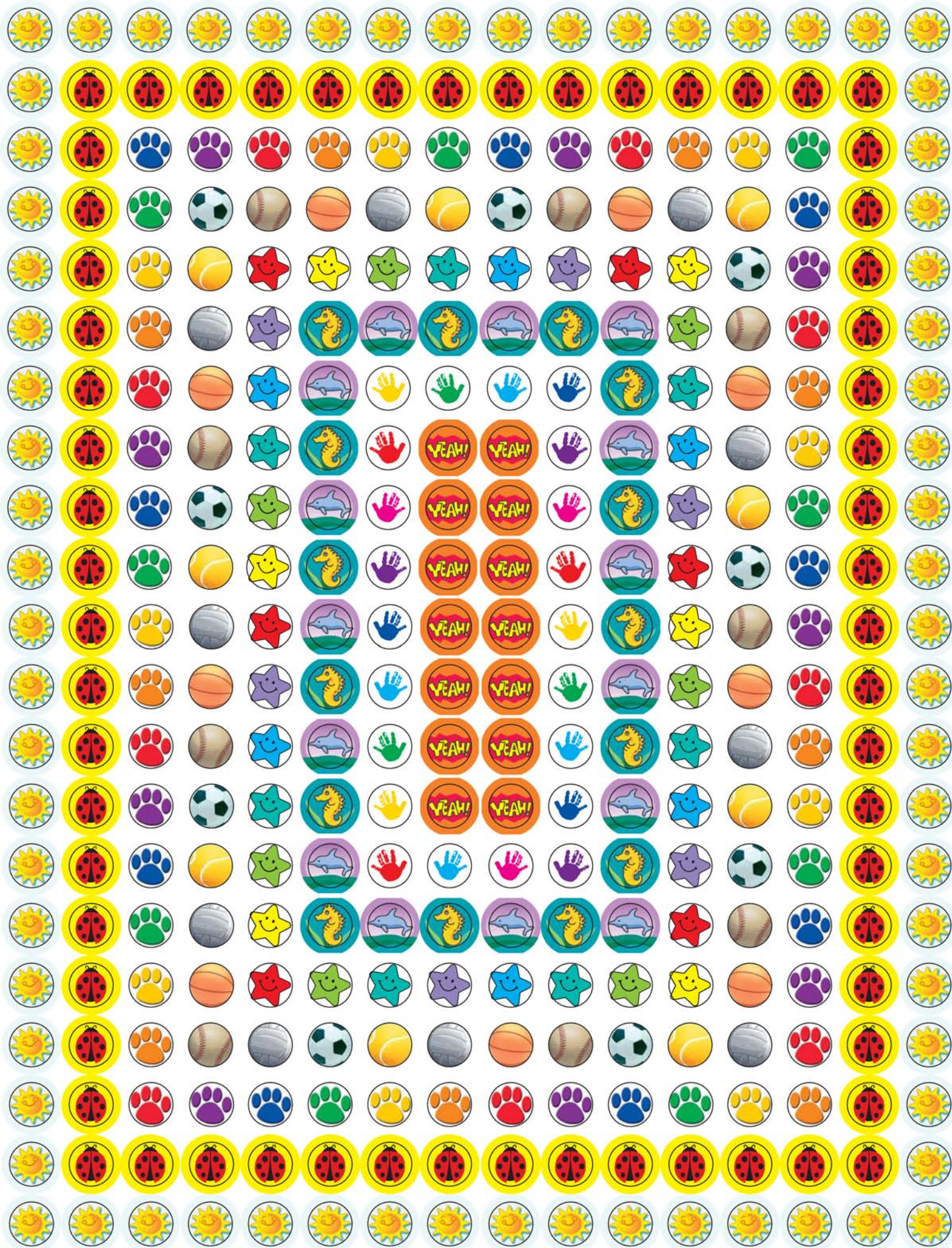
Without your child's knowledge, put a ball inside a box, and cover it with a lid. Call in your child, and tell him or her to act like a scientist. He or she will need to ask questions and try to figure out answers like a scientist would. If your child is having a hard time asking questions, you may need to help. Some questions to ask include, "What do you think is inside the box?" and "How do you know?" Have your child shake the box and see if he or she can figure it out.



Reward Chart

Student Tracker





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Summertime Learning

Prepare Your Child for Third Grade

School ends...

Summer begins...

Learning keeps on going...

with **Summertime Learning!**

Each book in this series includes:

- An 8-week daily schedule
- Monday–Thursday lessons that cover reading, writing, and math
- Friday activities that provide fun brain teasers
- **Over 300 stickers** that can be used to track progress and reward good work
- A message from the **National Summer Learning Association**
- 112 pages: 2 pages of activities per day with answer keys
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