



Summer is a time for a more relaxed schedule, but it doesn't take the kids long to become bored when their routine changes. During this summer continue to strengthen the family ties and creating memories by completing a Summer Bucket list the whole family will enjoy. This list does not need to be extravagant or expensive to accomplish worthwhile family time. As a matter of fact, some of the best times can be very inexpensive such as a walk or game time. Before approaching the children for their input on the summer bucket list, think about what you as parents would like to introduce to the family. Would you like to guide the family to new, fun educational sites, new experiences such as theater, build vocabulary by learning and using a new word related to each activity, or new family routine? With your ideas in mind, gather the family around to have a discussion of what they would like to have on the bucket list. Narrow down the family's list to a manageable list for your family to complete. Post the list on the refrigerator for all to see and look forward to. Start planning when your family will begin to check off items from their Summer Bucket list. Enjoy.

- ◆ Take a mini road trip to new places (park, museum, zoo, fire station)
- ◆ Go on a hike at a near by park or bike trail (identify plants, trees, tracks)
- ◆ Go fishing
- ◆ Try camping (even if it's in the backyard)
- ◆ Participate in the library's summer reading program
- ◆ Have an outside movie night
- ◆ Visit local historical sites
- ◆ Do outside games (hop scotch, jumping rope, fly a kite, frisbee, flash-light tag,)
- ◆ Make crafts

Gift Card Winners

A requirement for the afterschool grants, is to collect surveys from day staff teachers, afterschool staff, students and parents. Those students that completed their surveys and returned their parents surveys was entered into a drawing for \$25 Walmart gift card. Vinton LIL CATS winners were Kennedy O'Neal and Chad Saunders.

ANNOUNCING...

◆ June 14-July 22, 2021—
[Summer Advantage](#)

◆ August 14, 2021—
[Healthy Kick Start](#)

◆ October 18, 2021—
[LIL Cats starts](#)



Treasure Your Family April Event

Families of the afterschool program and the Summer Advantage program were given the opportunity to partake in the Treasure Your Family April event. Families that registered to participate received a calendar of family events that could be done on any day in the month of April. For documentation families sent a photo of each event completed to the coordinator. The ultimate goal for each family was to complete 10 family activities with 5 of them being Blue starred community events. Prizes will be awarded according to the tiered activity completion prize chart with the ultimate prize being a ride on the Bell of Cincinnati in July. Hannan Trace had 11 families register to participate for the event. LIL Cats had 11 families complete all the requirements.

And Here Comes Summer Book Walk

On May 21, 2021, Hannan Trace Elementary partnered with the afterschool program to have an end of year book walk. Students moved from page to page reading the story by Tom Brenner. At each page students collected an item that represented the page they were reading. Some of the items that they collected were kinetic sand, sunglasses, puzzles, water balloons, beach ball, wiffle ball, and smores items. Each student received the book And Here Comes Summer to take with them. Activities like this makes fond memories for students of their school that they can look back on in the future and know they were important.



