

## Outdoor learning activities!



Now that the weather is warm and the sun is out later in the evening, your family may be interested in getting some more outdoor time. You can still spend time outside while helping your child keep up with studying. This spring try out some outdoor learning activities for literacy and math practice.

### Ideas for spelling and math facts:

Don't let the Friday spelling test keep you in! In their research, educational leaders, Samuel Orton and Anna Gillingham, found that children learn best through multi-sensory instruction. Here are some options for multi-sensory practice:

- write words in sand or dirt with a stick or a finger.
- use sidewalk chalk to write the words big in the driveway.
- use a paint brush with a bucket of water to "paint" the words on the driveway, then watch the words disappear!



When you are done with spelling, try the same technique with your child's math facts!

**Super Sidewalk Challenge game:** this game practices phonemic awareness

**YOU WILL NEED:** sidewalk chalk, rock, and some kids

- Create a grid (5 squares by 5 squares) and put a letter in each square
- Each child takes a turn tossing a rock (or a piece of chalk or a beanbag) on a letter square.
- Have your child 1) name the letter 2) say the letter's sound and 3) name as many words as he could that started with that letter
- enjoy taking turns and tossing the rock on the letters

I would love to hear the fun ways that your family practices reading, writing and math! Send to Mrs. Rousseau at [drousseau@sfab.org](mailto:drousseau@sfab.org)