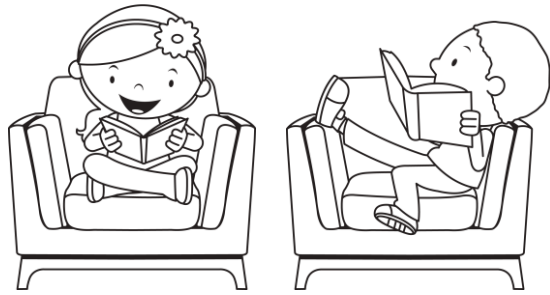




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## MAINTAINING LITERACY SKILLS *over summer break*

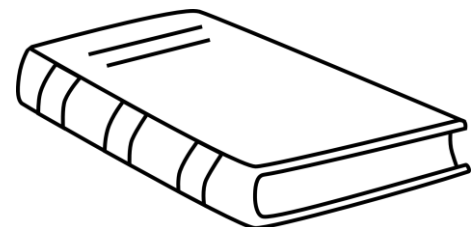
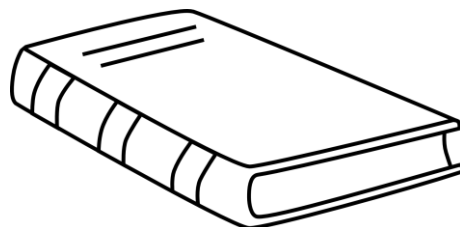
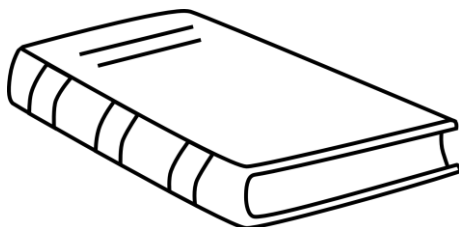
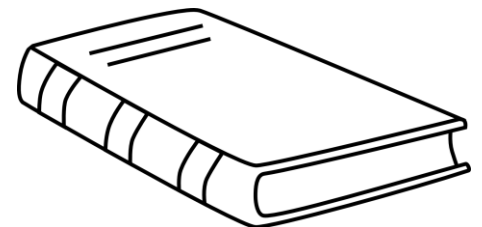
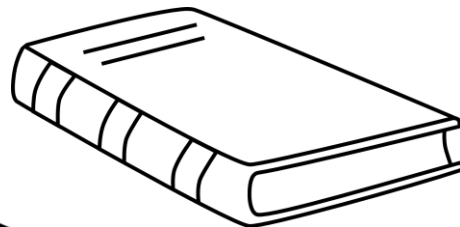
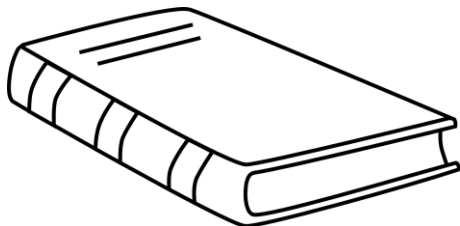
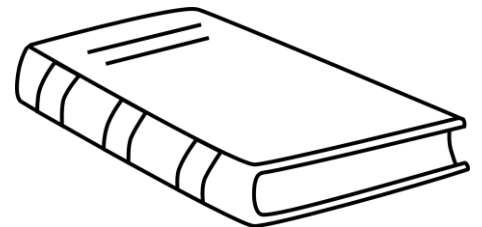
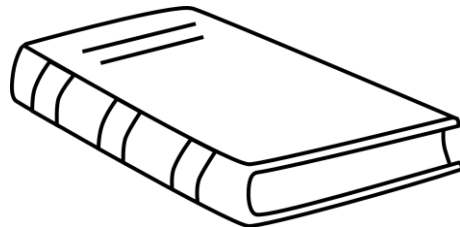
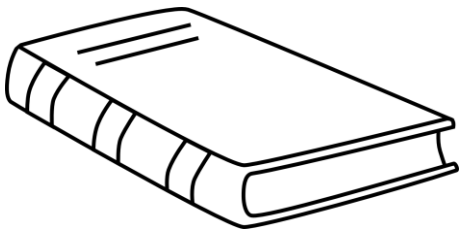
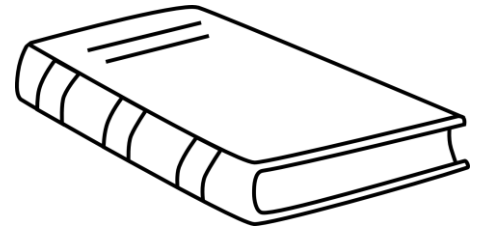
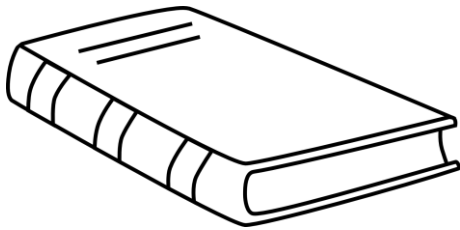
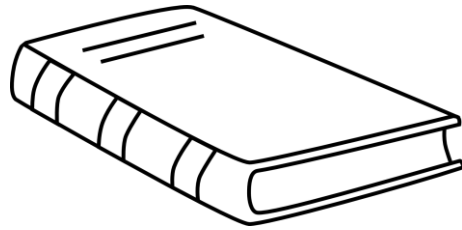
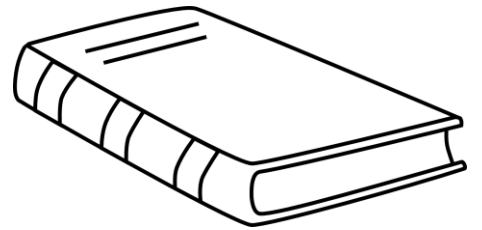
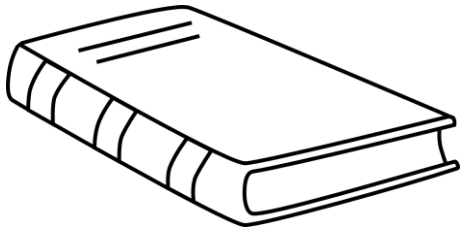
Summer break is a time for students to take a well deserved 'break' from academic work in order to spend time outside, visit with friends and family, and explore their unique interests. Some parents report that they notice regression in their child's literacy skills following summer break. There are many different ways to encourage continuation of your child's literacy skills that allow them to still experience all that summer has to offer.

### Ideas for maintaining your child's literacy skills over summer break:

- Sign your child up for a public library card, have them participate in their summer reading program, and schedule a weekly trip to your local library in order for your child to have access to a large variety of books.
- Many children like to receive mail. Having them write letters to friends and family members and receive letters back can spark an interest in writing.
- Sit down at the beginning of the summer and make a reading 'bucket list' of all the different topics/kinds of books that your child would like to read (a blank template and example 'bucket list' are attached).
- Many children like to have a quiet comfy space of their own. Work with your child to create a special 'reading nook' in your home (this can even be made with blankets and pillows put down in a corner of an unused space). Encourage them to bring books to their own special 'book nook'.
- Start a tradition of reading a novel to your child every night before bed. This allows you to pick a book that is above their reading level and allows them to encounter new vocabulary words. When you come across a word that your child is unfamiliar with, you can discuss it – break the word down into smaller parts, provide the word in a variety of sentences, and then have your child use it in a sentence that they create.
- Cook with your child! Give them the responsibility of reading the recipe. They will likely encounter new vocab that you can then discuss.
- Encourage your child to write their own book. Whether it be a picture book, short story, or even a novel this is a wonderful activity to boost their literacy skills.

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