

Johnson County Library's

# BOOKS TO GROW

Kit theme: **VACATIONS**

- Book titles included:
  1. **Maisy Goes on Vacation** by Lucy Cousins
  2. **Giggle Giggle Quack** by Doreen Cronin
  3. **Pictures From Our Vacation** by Lynne Rae Perkins
  4. **Look-alikes Around the World** by Joan Steiner
  5. **I Love Vacations** by Anna Walker
- DVD: **Summertime with Max and Ruby**
- CD: **Round Trip** by Anna Jonas (Book & CD)



Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

**The House Takes a Vacation** by Jacqueline Davies  
**Carl's Summer Vacation** by Alexandra Day  
**Strega Nona Takes a Vacation** by Tomie DePaola  
**Dodsworth in Paris** by Tim Egan  
**A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever** by Marla Frazee  
**Sally's Snow Adventure** by Stephen Huneck  
**Family Vacation** by Fiona Lock  
**Froggy Goes to Hawaii** by Jonathan London  
**Bob's Vacation** by Dana Meachen Rau  
**Sammy Salami** by Jerry Smath  
**A Porc in New York** by Catherine Stock  
**How I Spent My Summer Vacation** by Mark Teague  
**The Moon Was Best** by Charlotte Zolotow

See the back for activities to help children with these *6 by 6 Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

*Have Fun With Books*  
*Notice Print*  
*Talk, Talk, Talk*

*Tell Stories*  
*Look for Letters*  
*Take Time to Rhyme*

## Activity Ideas - Vacations

### Packing for Vacation:

Pack a suitcase with an assortment of items you would take on vacation such as pajamas, a toothbrush, a teddy bear and pack some that will make no sense such as an eggbeater, a rock, a remote control, etc. Ask the children to decide which items would be packed for a vacation. It's all fun, so no matter what your child chooses to take, it is correct! They will love the silliness of this game.

### Postcards from Vacation:

Supply children with postcard sized posterboard (or real postcards), blunt tipped scissors, magazines, and glue. Let them select pictures of what they might see or places they might go while on vacation. Let them cut out the pictures and glue them onto the postcard. Encourage them to dictate a message to someone special and sign their own name. If you can, take the children to the post office to mail the post card. Don't forget to address the postcard and use a stamp!

### Campout Fun:

Have an indoor campout. Set up a tent using a sheet and two chairs. Crawl inside to share a book or tell stories. Make S'Mores using the microwave or oven. Have fun with a flashlight. Play games like "I Spy" where you say, "I see something and it is green." Have the child guess. If he needs more clues, you can give them, "I see something and it is green and it's on the floor." Take turns, with your child doing the spying.

### Go on a pretend train ride:

Line up some chairs, make some tickets and let the children take a pretend train ride. Be sure to add sound effects – choo choo. Now we're going around the bend – lean right. Now up a hill – chug chug. What do you see?

### Fishing:

Cut out fish shapes from colored paper and attach a paperclip to each one. Make a fishing pole (stick or dowel) with a magnet attached to catch the fish. Or cut out the letters of the alphabet and attach the paperclip to each letter. Have the children fish for a letter. Can they catch the letter their name begins with? Can they name that letter? Can they name an item that begins with that letter?

### We Are Goin' On A Vacation

(Sung to: She'll Be Coming Around The Mountain)

Oh we're goin' on a vacation in our car  
(honk honk)

Oh we're goin' on a vacation in our car  
(honk honk)

Oh we're goin' on a vacation

Oh we're goin' on a vacation

Oh we're goin' on a vacation in our car  
(honk honk)

Oh we're goin' on a vacation on the plane  
(zoom zoom)

Oh we're goin' on a vacation on the train  
(chug a chug)

Ask the children to name other ways they can go on vacation.

For example:

Boat (toot toot) Foot (stomp stomp) Bike (hoo-hoo)  
Skateboard (lookout!) Motorcycle (Vroom! Vroom)  
Spaceship (Blast off!)

### Fishing Action Rhyme:

Have you ever gone fishing on a hot summer day?  
(pretend to fish)

Sat on a log and the log rolled away!

(pretend to sit, then jump up)

Alligator bite me on the seat of my pants!

(grab seat & jump)

And all the little fishes did the hoochie-coochie  
dance! (fingers wiggle side to side & dance)

Hoochie-coo, Hoochie-coo, Hootchie, hootchie,  
hootchie-coo