

Building Blockbuster Summer Skills



Hone your super powers to support at-home learning!

Use this guide to plan the key skills you want students to develop with their families this summer.

First, list the specific skill you want families to focus on. Next, use the checklists and question prompts to make sure the skill and suggested activity meet the “blockbuster” test for relevance, accessibility, and fun for families.



Skill: _____

Step 1: Determine if It's a Blockbuster Skill

- Is the skill important enough to have a “starring role” in a family’s activities?
- Is the skill beneficial to families?
- Is the skill doable and accessible for all families?
- Will families have the “props” they need to support the skill (knowledge, resources, supplies)?
- Will families get that “can do” feeling when they focus on this skill?



Step 2: Decide if the Skill Will Be a Blockbuster Hit with Families

Why is this skill important to families? _____

How will parents and caregivers benefit? _____

How will their child benefit? _____



Step 3: Drive Home the Big-Screen Action

Think of an activity families can do together that will help develop the target skill.

Activity: _____

Is the activity fun to do? Yes No

Is the activity culturally responsive? Yes No

Is the activity easy to do within an existing routine or can it become a new routine? Yes No

Will families want to do the activity again and again? Yes No

