**Vacation learning games**

When the kids are home from school, make learning fun!

With word cards try playing charades, Pictionary, memory, hangman or use in their writing.

**Try it out**- **Word Work**

**Word Graphs**- Hunt for sight words or vocab words in a story or passage, graph how often they show up to see which is the most popular word.

**Word Hop**- Write sight words or vocab words on a piece of paper, lay them all over the floor of the house. Call the word or definition out and have the student hop to it. You can play this with antonyms and synonyms as well!

**Hangman with sight words-** Choose from a stack of sight word cards and play hangman! Keep a piece of paper and pencil in your purse. This is great to play when you are standing in line or waiting at the doctor’s office.

**Try it out**- **Writing**

Autobiography Play

Book Review Poem

Character Sketch Resume

Comic Strip Song

Descriptions Speech

Diaries Tall Tale

Essays Goal setting

Fables

How-to articles **Try them all out!**

News Article

**Try it out**- **Reading techniques**

**Silly Voice Reading-** Use different voices for different characters or try reading the whole story in a silly voice without laughing.

**Act it out-** If your child is too shy to act it out themselves, create character puppets and a set and put on a puppet show.

**Draw it out-** Draw the important information in the story. For older students, read a story without showing them the pictures and have them illustrate the different pages. Compare and contrast at the end.