

Camping Family Night

- “Pitch” a tent in your living room or basement. You could use a real tent or make one out of blankets.
- Sing campfire songs (in packets) Have family members play any instruments you have at home or create your own instruments.
- Write animal reports or creative stories based on the stuffed animals you have at home.
- Create a duck pond. On the bottom of each duck, put a sight word, sight word phrase, or math fact. When students choose a duck, they turn them over and read the word/words or solve the Math fact. (sample sight words and sight word phrases are included in the packet)
- Create a fishing pond and do the same thing as above with sight words, sight word phrases, or math facts. Put the items to be read or solved on fish. (sample sight words and sight word phrases are included in the packet)
- S’more ideas for Working with Words (all ideas detailed in Camping packet)
- “Write” Around the Campfire- Begin a story and stop just after the beginning. The next person adds onto the story with the next event. This continues building the story around the “campfire”. You could tell a spooky story or give steps on how to build a campfire or make a s’more.(ideas attached)
- Pack Your Backpack activity- Read a book together. Then using the questions in the packet, ask a question to your child. If he/she answers

correctly, he/she gets to add an item to his/her backpack. The graphics are included in the handouts.

- Do a nature walk and take a writing journal along with you. In the journal you could write about the types of trees you see. You could investigate animal tracks and guess what animal made them. Bird watching would be fun- you could brainstorm describing words for the birds that you see and write to compare/contrast the different types of birds. You could write all of your findings in a nature journal.
- Collect leaves and decide if they have lines of symmetry.
- Make camping memory boxes.
- Make camping name tags for each family member on the trip.
- Put on camping tattoos.
- For a snack, make s'mores for the family or roast hot dogs on the grill.

Carnival Family Night

- 5 W poem- write a poem about a game, ride, or carnival experience. (look at handout)
- Write a descriptive paragraph about going to a carnival. (see main idea-detail page)
- Estimation jars-fill jars with candy or other items and have family members guess how many pieces are in the jar.
- Carnival Scattergories

- Popcorn Containers- use these to sort words with different number of syllables, even/odd numbers or pull out sight words to read or math facts to solve
- Hula hoop toss- Toss bean bags into hula hoops spaced apart. Put numbers inside each hula hoop. You could add the numbers together or form the largest/smallest number possible.
- Water guns- shoot water and aim for certain words, syllables, or numbers
- Ball Toss- throw ping pong balls into the carton and add the numbers together.
- Spinner- spin the wheel and have the kids read that number of sight words, solve that number of Math problems, come up with that many carnival words, etc....