















**SOMERSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LITERACY + STEAM SUNSATIONAL SUMMER OF SUCCESS ACTIVITIES**

<p><b>GROW</b></p> 	<p>Do you or a neighbor have a garden? If so, you could ask to help out! Perhaps you could help to plant, water, prune, and/or harvest. Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty...gardening is hard work!</p>	<p>Let's grow something that's not edible. Try growing your own crystals. Go to <a href="http://babbledabbledo.com/science-for-kids-crystal-garden/">http://babbledabbledo.com/science-for-kids-crystal-garden/</a></p>	<p>Grow gummy bears <a href="http://www.playdoughtoplato.com/growing-gummy-bear-science/">http://www.playdoughtoplato.com/growing-gummy-bear-science/</a></p> 	<p>Plant a bean in a plastic bag with a wet paper towel, put it in a window and observe its growth.</p>	<p>Can a plant survive on orange juice rather than water? Choose 2 plants of the same kind. "Water" one plant with OJ and the other plant with water. Observe and record the difference in growth!</p>
<p><b>DREAM</b></p> 	<p>Did you know that dreamcatchers were originally made by Native Americans? You can make one just for you! <a href="http://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/dream-catcher/">www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/dream-catcher/</a></p>	<p>Make a list of places that you'd like to visit.</p>  <p>Keep track of the places you go!</p>	<p>Make a sketch of your dream house. There are no limits, so dream <b>BIG!!</b></p>	<p>What do you want to be when you grow up? Research and write about your profession.</p>	<p>Go star gazing. Dream up a new constellation and create a story.</p> 
<p><b>CHALLENGE</b></p> 	<p>Set an activity or exercise goal. Keep a log with your goal and your progress.</p>	<p>Egg Drop...try it, it's fun! <a href="http://lemonlimeadventures.com/engineering-egg-drop-project/">http://lemonlimeadventures.com/engineering-egg-drop-project/</a></p>	<p><b>You can do it, yes you can!</b> Set a reading goal this summer. How many books do you think you can read each week / month?</p> 	<p>Your challenge is to build a structure that is as tall as possible on a wooden board. The structure needs to stick to the board when the board is turned upside down..</p>	<p>Try these family STEM Challenges with your friends AND family <a href="http://playivities.com/stem-challenges-family">http://playivities.com/stem-challenges-family</a></p>
<p><b>CREATE</b></p> 	<p>Design a paper plate marble maze. <a href="http://buggyandbuddy.com/paper-plate-marble-maze/">http://buggyandbuddy.com/paper-plate-marble-maze/</a></p>	<p>Make ice cream in a bag! <a href="http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-Homemade-Ice-Cream-in-a-Bag/">http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-Homemade-Ice-Cream-in-a-Bag/</a></p>	<p>Create a new outdoor game to be played by your friends. Play the game and write about your experience.</p>	<p>Create a painting of your favorite SUMMER ACTIVITY.</p> 	<p>Present a performance in which you create a new television show for kids.</p>
<p><b>CHANGE</b></p> 	<p>Make a musical instrument out of recyclable items you have around the house. <a href="http://www.howcast.com/guides/841-how-to-make-musical-instruments-for-kids/">http://www.howcast.com/guides/841-how-to-make-musical-instruments-for-kids/</a></p> 	<p>Recycle a gallon milk jug into a watering can for your garden. Have a grownup help you poke holes into the cap.</p>	<p>Sort through your closet for "too-small" items to pass on to a family or friends. Give those clothes a new home!</p> 	<p>Reuse your paper towel tubes to create a bird feeder. <a href="http://www.theresourcefulmama.com/toilet-paper-roll-bird-feeders/">http://www.theresourcefulmama.com/toilet-paper-roll-bird-feeders/</a></p>	<p>Reduce, reuse, recycle! Help change old stuff into new stuff. Help your family recycle paper, newspaper, plastic bottles, glass bottles, and soda cans.</p>
<p><b>REFLECT</b></p> 	<p>Keep a journal this summer. Write about activities you enjoyed or places you visited. Write about books you've read or friends you've seen!</p>	<p>Write 3 compliments to a family member or friend. Focus on what they <u>do</u> rather than on how they look or what they have.</p>	<p>Make a list of all the positive qualities of your family members. Share it with your family!!</p> 	<p>What are you thankful for? Make a list of 5-10 things...and don't forget to say THANK YOU whenever you can.</p>	<p>Go on a nature walk and record what you see.</p> 