One simple formula can help your students stay healthy over the summer and be ready to learn when school starts: “5-2-1-Almost None”

- Eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day
- Limit screen time to 2 hours (or less) a day
- Get 1 or more hours of physical activity every day
- Drink almost no sugary beverages

These activities will help prepare your students for a safe and healthy summer.

**Related KidsHealth Links**

**Articles for Kids:**

Be a Fit Kid
KidsHealth.org/en/kids/fit-kid.html

How to Be Safe When You’re in the Sun
KidsHealth.org/en/kids/summer-safety.html

Swimming
KidsHealth.org/en/kids/swim.html

Bike Safety
KidsHealth.org/en/kids/bike-safety.html

What’s the Big Sweat About Dehydration?
KidsHealth.org/en/kids/dehydration.html

Going Away to Camp
KidsHealth.org/en/kids/going-to-camp.html

Bug Bites & Stings
KidsHealth.org/en/kids/ill-injure/bugs

Poison Ivy
KidsHealth.org/en/kids/poison-ivy.html

How to Pick a Great Book to Read

Are Video Games Bad for Me?

Road Trip Fun

**Discussion Questions**

*Note: The following questions are written in language appropriate for sharing with your students.*

1. What are your favorite summertime activities? Are you active at least 1 hour every day during the summer? What can you do to be active if you can’t go outside?
2. During summer, is your bedtime different than during the school year? Do you wake up at a different time? Do you eat different things? Are you more active or less active? Do you read more or less?
3. Why do you need to use sunscreen? What does SPF stand for? Why is the SPF number important to know?
4. What does it mean to be dehydrated? How can you avoid dehydration?
Activities for Students

Note: The following activities are written in language appropriate for sharing with your students.

5-2-1-Almost None

Objectives:
Students will:
• Learn to incorporate the “5-2-1-Almost None” guidelines into their daily lives
• Create a reminder of the guidelines to display at home

Materials:
• “5-2-1-Almost None” color or grayscale handouts for teachers
• “One Formula for a Healthy Lifestyle” (KidsHealth.org/en/parents/healthy-lifestyle.html for instructor reference)
• Large index cards
• Markers, magazines, scissors, glue, magnet sheets (lamination optional)

Class Time:
• 45 minutes

Activity:
[Note to instructor: Display the full-color “5-2-1-Almost None” handout on a smartboard or overhead projector, or distribute printed copies, or grayscale versions, to students.]

Today we’re going to make fridge magnets so the whole family has a helpful reminder about how to stay healthy. Make sure your index card includes each of the four tips in the “5-2-1-Almost None” guidelines, and add your pictures or your own drawings to illustrate guidelines or just decorate your fridge magnet. Then we’ll glue a piece of magnet to the back and it’s ready to take home.

Extension:
Remember to keep your brain in shape, too. Summer is the perfect time to read. Check out your school’s summer reading list to see which books are recommended for you. Don’t forget about magazines, newspapers, and publications you can read on a handheld device. Plan to relax on a comfy chair and read outside!
Have Fun for 1!

Objectives:
Students will:
• Think about physical activities that count as exercise
• Commit to being physically active for at least 1 hour a day over the summer
• Track their daily activity

Materials:
• “Have Fun for 1!” handout

Class Time:
• 5 minutes (after a brief explanation, the activity is completed at home over the summer)

Activity:
Use the “Have Fun for 1!” chart so you can keep track of every day you get at least 1 hour of physical activity this summer. Keep the chart where you can use it as a reminder to keep moving, like on the fridge or in your bedroom. Ask a family member or friend to join you. When you reach that daily goal, fill in a circle. If you have seven filled-in circles at the end of each week, reward yourself with a special healthy treat, a family outing, a new book, anything that’s healthy and makes you feel good! Also, add at least five activities to the “Have Fun for 1!” activity list that aren’t already there. Try at least five activities on the “Have Fun for 1!” activity list that you’ve never done before.

Reproducible Materials

Handout for Teachers: 5-2-1-Almost None (color)
KidsHealth.org/classroom/3to5/personal/fitness/summer_handout1.pdf

Handout for Teachers: 5-2-1-Almost None (grayscale)
KidsHealth.org/classroom/3to5/personal/fitness/summer_handout2.pdf

Handout: Have Fun for 1!
KidsHealth.org/classroom/3to5/personal/fitness/summer_handout3.pdf

Quiz: Safe and Healthy Summer
KidsHealth.org/classroom/3to5/personal/fitness/summer_quiz.pdf

Answer Key: Safe and Healthy Summer
KidsHealth.org/classroom/3to5/personal/fitness/summer_quiz_answers.pdf

KidsHealth.org is devoted to providing the latest children’s health information. The site, which is widely recommended by educators, libraries, and school associations, has received the “Teachers’ Choice Award for the Family” and the prestigious Pirelli Award for “Best Educational Media for Students.” KidsHealth comes from the nonprofit Nemours Foundation. Check out www.KidsHealth.org to see the latest additions!
5-2-1-Almost None

Staying Healthy, by the Numbers

Every day:

Eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables.
Go for a rainbow. Different colors = lots of vitamins and minerals.

Spend less than 2 hours on the computer or watching TV.
Less time in front of a screen = more time to be active and have fun.

Be active for at least 1 hour.
It doesn’t have to be all at once:

20 MINUTES RIDING A BIKE + 20 MINUTES SHOOTING HOOPS + 10 MINUTES PLAYING IN A POOL + 10 MINUTES WALKING THE DOG = 60 MINUTES OF ACTIVITY!

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Instructions: Answer each question.

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3. Explain the numbers in the “5-2-1-Almost None” guidelines:
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   - 2:
   - 1:
   - Almost None:

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5. True or false: Everyone should use sunscreen when they’re out in the sun.

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   b) Swim with an adult or friend
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   a) Call home
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