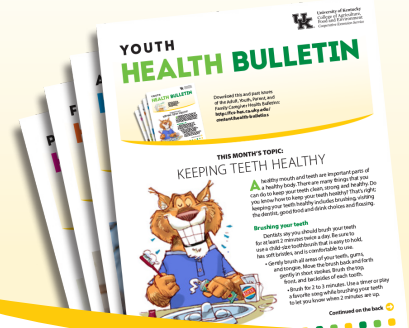


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## THIS MONTH'S TOPIC KEEP MOVING!



**W**hen summer break ends and you go back to school, you probably spend more time sitting and less time moving. During the summer, you had more time to swim, play outside, and take trips to the park or gym.

But just because school is back does not mean you should stop moving! In fact, the more time you spend moving outside of school, the more you will be able to pay attention and do well when you are in class. You may have to try harder to be active, but it is worth it!

### Here are some ideas for staying active once school starts:

- Start your day with slow stretches, or a quick warm-up.
- If you can, walk or ride your bike to school or the bus stop.
- If you get recess or a break during the day, use that time to move!

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- Sign up for a sport or club after school that gets you moving. It can be fun to try something new. Or ask a friend to join you for an activity that you enjoy.
- Make a habit of taking a walk or bike ride with your family after dinner.
- Have a nightly dance party at home.
- Chores can keep you moving too! Volunteer to help rake leaves, vacuum, or walk the dog.

**If you want to try something new, here are some sports and activities you can try:**

- Pickleball
- Ice skating
- Archery
- Martial arts
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Rock climbing



- Yoga
- Gymnastics
- Golf

Keep your screen time in check, too. It can be easy to spend the whole evening after school in front of the TV, playing video games, or on a tablet or phone. Try to keep the time you spend on all devices to less than 2 hours each day. That includes time at school. Talk to your parent or caregiver about when you would like to watch your favorite show, play a game, or use an app. Then set a limit on how much time you spend. Also, decide how you will know when that time is up. Using screens right before bed can make it harder to fall asleep. So, leave screen time out of your bedtime routine. End your day with something that makes you feel calm and relaxed, like reading, listening to music, praying, or thinking about the best part of your day.

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