



Summer Fun Learning Activities Guide 2016

Sixth Grade

Encourage Your Child to Read

- Share books and read with your child.
- Make a time and a place for reading in your home and talk about reading in your family.
- Encourage your child to use technology to access e-books (iPod, iPad, Kindle, etc.).
- Read stories or dramas together; discuss the characters and their challenges.
- Go to your local public library and register your child for a library card. Get the one free card that brings a world of opportunity – no matter what your age.
- Give books as presents.

Writing

- Encourage your child to keep a personal journal or diary to tell his/her own stories.
- Include your child in real-life writing experiences (e.g., writing letters or e-mails to family members) and encourage the use of idioms, adages, and proverbs.
- Encourage your child to practice typing on the computer. There are many free typing activities and games for kids on the Internet.
- Encourage your child to write a friendly letter to a relative or friend.

Mathematics

- Practice finding percents (e.g., figure out the amount of a 20% tip when dining out, calculate the amount of sales tax on a purchase, etc.)
- Compare the percentages of the nutrition facts on food labels.
- There are 4 grams of sugar in a teaspoon. Calculate how many teaspoons of sugar there are in various food items based on the grams of sugar listed on the nutrition facts label.
- Using a metric ruler, measure objects in your home. Then find other objects that measure close to 1 centimeter, 10 centimeters, or 100 centimeters.
- Determine the best value per ounce with various food items while shopping at the grocery store.
- Find real world applications for parallel lines, intersecting lines, and perpendicular lines. When and where are these lines used?
- Record the daily temperature for a month and graph the data on a dot plot or histogram. Calculate the mean and median temperatures for the month.

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Science

- Find an article about a scientific discovery. Summarize what it tells you.
- Find as many weather words as you can and clip them from a newspaper. Draw a picture for each word you have cut out.





Science Activities Online

- <http://www.billnye.com/for-kids-teachers/>
- <http://www.nasa.gov/>
- <http://science.nationalgeographic.com/science/>
- <http://howstuffworks.com>

Links to Summer Reading

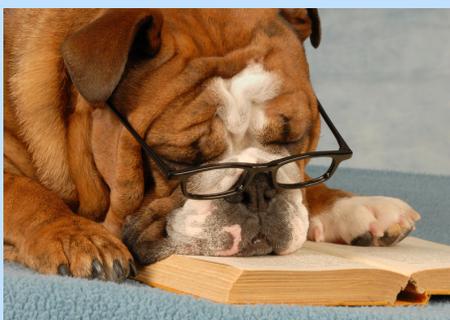
- <http://readkiddoread.com/>
- www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html
- http://lvccld.org/kids/school_age/what_to_read.cfm
- <http://www.mypubliclibrary.com/catalog/library/userdef/teens.asp>
- www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/Departments/Library/Library.shtm
- <http://ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb/index.cfm>
- <http://bclibrary.org/kids-resources/>

Local Adventures

- Lake Mead
- Red Rock Canyon Lied Discovery Children's Museum
- Museum of Natural History
- Springs Preserve

For more options visit:

<http://museums.nevadaculture.org/>



Recommended Summer Reading

The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale by Carmen Agra Deedy

The Cruisers by Walter Dean Myers

The Danger Box by Blue Balliett

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos

A Diamond in the Desert by Kathryn Fitzmaurice

The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman by Meg Wolitzer

Heart of Samurai by Margi Preus

Maximilian & the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual

Lucha Libre Thriller by Xavier Garza

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez

Scat by Carl Hiaasen

Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming

Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London by Andrea Warren

The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's

Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors by Chris Barton

Drawing from Memory by Allen Say

Elephant Talk: The Surprising Science of Elephant

Communication by Ann Downer

The Frog Scientist by Pamela S. Turner

From Jazz Babies to Generation Next: The History of the

American Teenager by Laura B. Edge

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson

Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods,

Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters by Donna Jo Napoli



Note to Parents

CCSD offers the above list of links to summer reading lists and resources in our continued support of student achievement and the love of reading. Book lists cover a wide range of topics and interest levels. It is the parents' responsibility to verify the appropriateness of any book for their child. Also, please check with your child's school online, as many schools provide summer reading lists that support site-