



Summer Fun Learning Activities Guide 2016

Seventh Grade

Reading Tips for Students

- Make a time and a place for reading in your home.
- Use technology to access e-books (iPod, iPad, Kindle, etc.).
- Go to your local public library and register for a library card. Get the one free card that brings a world of opportunity – no matter what your age.
- See yourself in the story while you read, as if you are the leading character in a movie version of the book. Find quotes from the story that relate to you and explain how they relate to you.
- Check yourself while you read. Do you remember what you read? If not, reread.

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, friend or a letter to the editor of a newspaper.

Mathematics

- Record the daily temperature for a month. Compute the percent increase or decrease each day.
- Create a comic strip or cartoon about vertical, adjacent, supplementary, and/or complementary angles.
- Flip a penny 50 times and record the results. Then spin the penny on a hard surface 50 times recording the results. Compare the results. Use the results to predict how many times the result would be tails if you flipped the penny 100, 200, or 500 times.
- Check the local newspaper for graphs. Describe the data and discuss future trends that can be predicted from the data.
- Compute the distance between towns on a map using the scale factor.
- Convert all the fractions in a recipe into decimals.

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Science

- Name five sources of pollution. Write two to three sentences on how you can help stop or reduce pollution.
- What happens on a dry day when you scuff across a rug and then reach out to touch a metal doorknob, or other metal object? Why?





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-specific programs and classes.