



# 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

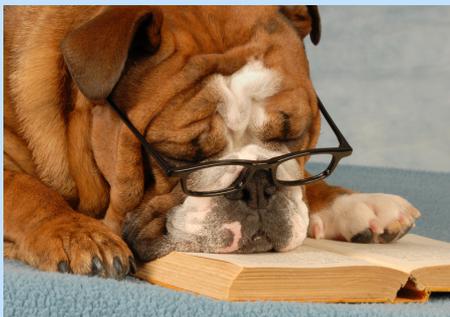
- <http://readkiddoread.com/>
- [www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html](http://www.neh.gov/projects/summertimefavorites.html)
- [http://lvccld.org/kids/school\\_age/what\\_to\\_read.cfm](http://lvccld.org/kids/school_age/what_to_read.cfm)
- <http://www.mypubliclibrary.com/catalog/library/userdef/teens.asp>
- [www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/Departments/Library/Library.shtm](http://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-