



Summer Fun Learning Activities Guide 2013 Sixth Grade

Encourage Your Child to Read

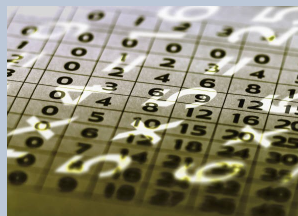
- Share books and read with your child.
- Make a time and a place for reading in your home and talk about reading in your family.
- Encourage your child to use technology to access e-books (iPod, iPad, Kindle, etc.).
- Read stories or dramas together; discuss the characters and their challenges.
- Go 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

- Read, write, and compare decimals to thousandths using number names, base-ten numerals, and expanded form.
- Graph gas prices at different gas stations over time (daily, weekly, etc.) and look for patterns in the data.
- 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?
- Compute the distance between towns on a map.



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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
- Atomic Testing Museum
- Springs Preserve

For more options visit:

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

Criterion Referenced Tests

http://www.doe.nv.gov/Assessments_CRT/



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.