

BCA Elementary Summer 2023 Learning Opportunities

Ideas for summer reading fun

Make sure kids have something to read during the summer — put books into children's hands. Sign up for the [First Book Marketplace](#) and gain access to award-winning new books for free and to deeply discounted new books and educational materials or [find other national and local programs and organizations](#) that can help.

Free summer reading incentive programs. At Scholastic, you can take the [Read-a-Palooza Summer Challenge](#) — over the course of 18 weeks, kids can enter their summer reading minutes online, unlocking digital rewards as they complete weekly reading challenges; and access book excerpts, videos, and other summer-exclusive content. Sign up for [Pizza Hut's BOOK IT! summer reading program](#), where you'll receive weekly emails with reading activities for kids.

Check your local library for more free kids summer reading programs with activities and incentives for all ages. Most libraries also have story times and other reading-themed activities.

[Literacy in the Sciences series](#) Each one-page tip sheet (in English and Spanish) suggests easy hands-on activities as well as fiction and nonfiction books to extend the learning. In this section you'll also find links to great science websites for kids, blogs about children's science books, and links to PBS KIDS science programs and activities.

[Summer listening program.](#) Listening is an engaging way to learn, and many children love listening to books, music, stage plays, comedy routines, and other works. Point out background sounds, such as the way the peppy tune on a sound track adds fun and humor to an adventure tale. Learning to listen is particularly helpful to children with learning disabilities. If your kids love audiobooks, check out [Our Favorite Audio Books](#), and find even more recommendations at [Book Finder](#).

BCA's Book Wars for grades 3rd-5th [2023-2023 Book War Book List](#)

[Our Favorite Wholesome Chapter Book Series for Kids](#)

1. Little House on the Prairie and Little Britches
2. All-of-a-Kind-Family
3. Grandma's Attic
4. Imagination Station
5. Moody Family Series
6. Cul-de-Sac Kids
7. Rod and Staff Chapter Books

8. Sugar Creek Gang
9. Sisters in Time
10. Christian Heroes Then and Now
11. The Kingdom Series

Elementary Guided Reading Levels by Level

<https://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/guided-reading-levels.html>

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/collections/guided-reading-book-lists-for-every-level.html>

Online activities for families

- **National Geographic Kids:** Great nature videos, activities, games, stories, and more
- **Discovery Kids:** Video, games and activities to explore dinosaurs, sharks, space, pets, history and more
- **iCivics:** Educational online games and lesson plans to promote civics education and encourage students to become active citizens. iCivics was founded by retired Supreme Court of the United States Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.
- **NASA Kids Club:** A place to play games and learn about NASA through interactive explorations
- **Project Noah:** Explore and document wildlife — be a citizen scientist!
- **Design Squad Nation:** Be creative and help people through engineering, from PBS
- **My Wonderful World:** A multimedia tour of our seven continents from the Smithsonian
- **PBS KIDS Lab:** Educational games, activities and mobile apps, for kids PreK to grade 3.
- **BrainPOP:** Games, quizzes, videos about topics in science, social studies, English, math, arts and music, and more.

International Children's Digital Library, an amazing (and growing!) collection of international children's books available to read online in their original languages. **Big Universe** is another online library of fiction and nonfiction books for kids 0-12. The site also offers adults and kids the chance to create and publish their own stories.

Listen and Learn with Audio Books (available in English and Spanish). You can now download stories to iPods and other mobile devices, perfect for car rides or a lazy hot afternoon. **Tales2Go** offers high-quality kids' books through a mobile streaming service. **AudibleKids** has an extensive collection of downloadable books, and some of them are free through a partnership with RIF. Browse our list of **Favorite Audio Books** and find even more titles on **Book Finder**.

Common Sense Media offers advice for creating a realistic schedule, age-appropriate guidelines on TV time, first websites for young kids to use, handling violent media, and managing kids' cell phone use. The PTA offers this helpful resource, **PTA Connected: Take Charge of Your Digital Life**.

Websites

<https://home.xtramath.org/>

XtraMath® is an online math fact fluency program that helps students develop quick recall and automaticity of their basic math facts. Students with a strong foundation of basic math facts will have an easier time when they begin to tackle more advanced math, like fractions or algebra.

Aligned with standards, XtraMath was designed for K-6 elementary school students but is also used by older students for review or intervention. Students of all ages can benefit from XtraMath!

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. We tackle math, science, computing, history, art history, economics, and more, including K-14 and test preparation (SAT, Praxis, LSAT) content. We focus on skill mastery to help learners establish strong foundations, so there's no limit to what they can learn next!

<https://www.noredink.com/>

NoRedInk is an online tool used for **teaching grammar, usage, mechanics and style to students in 4th through 12th grade.**

<http://www.starfall.com>

Free public service to teach children to read with phonics. Our systematic phonics approach, in conjunction with phonemic awareness practice, is perfect for preschool, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, special education, homeschool, and English

language development (ELD, ELL, ESL). Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children.

<http://storynory.com>

Storynory has published a new audio story every week

<https://www.readworks.org/>

The content-rich ReadWorks platform easily lends itself to differentiation and **supports students' development of vocabulary skills and background knowledge.**

Convenient features such as the ability to curate lists and view assignments over time make it easy to monitor student progress.

Math Practice Packets

Rising 1st Grade Students

<https://capubstore.blob.core.windows.net/athomepdfs/iready-at-home-activity-packets-student-math-grade-1-2020.pdf>

Rising 2nd Grade Students

<https://capubstore.blob.core.windows.net/athomepdfs/iready-at-home-activity-packets-student-math-grade-2-2020.pdf>

Rising 3rd Grade Students

<https://capubstore.blob.core.windows.net/athomepdfs/iready-at-home-activity-packets-student-math-grade-3-2020.pdf>

Rising 4th Grade Students

<https://capubstore.blob.core.windows.net/athomepdfs/iready-at-home-activity-packets-student-math-grade-4-2020.pdf>

Rising 5th Grade Students

<https://wmes.psd202.org/documents/1585243461.pdf>