

Reading and Enrichment Opportunities

Summer Reading

Summer Reading Challenge

- **Incoming Grades 3 – 5:** Use the reading and book lists to find a “just right” book.
 - Complete at least 3 activities from this [choice board](#).
 - Illustrate your favorite part of the story
- Complete Reading **BINGO** – Record the title of each text you read in the corresponding square and return to Mrs. Azikiwe in August.
- [Scholastic Summer Reading](#) (Home Base)
 - **Your reading “streaks” on their site can help donate books to less fortunate children.

Reading lists:

Suggested Summer Reading sorted by age

Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). Titles on the lists below were selected by members of ALSC’s Quicklists Consulting Committee.

- [Preschool to PK2](#)
- [Kindergarten through 2nd Grade](#)
- [3rd through 5th Grade](#)
- [6th – 8th Grade](#)

[Día Reading Lists](#)

The 2024 Día booklists provide engaging stories representing a variety of cultures and backgrounds to share with children from birth through 8th grade.

[Reading Rockets Summer Reading Guide 2024](#)

[Scholastic – The Ultimate Summer Reading Guide](#)

Additional Literacy Resources

- [Start with a Book](#) – great resource for parents for literacy suggestions and ideas
- [Listen to stories read aloud](#) and follow along.
- [Vooks](#) – Children watch as stories come to life through animated retellings
- [GetEpic!](#)
- Explore the world of [Roald Dahl](#).

Typing & Keyboard Skills

- Create a free account and learn step by step using this self-paced course.
 - **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for incoming 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.
- Games to practice typing and improve your speed

Mathematics

Mathematics Skill Practice

- [IXL's Summer Spotlight Skills Plan](#)
 - Select the grade you are **entering**:
[K](#) / [1st](#) / [2nd](#) / [3rd](#) / [4th](#) / [5th](#) / [6th](#)
- [Bedtime Math](#) - "Here's your nightly math! Just 5 quick minutes of number fun for kids and parents at home. Read a cool fun fact, followed by math riddles at different levels so everyone can jump in. Your kids will love you for it."
- [Khan Academy](#) - practice, review, and apply skills
- [Fact Monster Flashcards](#) - practice skills
- [Hooda Math](#) - Games aimed at strengthening mathematics skills and fast-facts fluency
- [Splash Math](#) - Standards-based mathematics practice
- [Math Playground](#) - Standards-based games and problem solving
- [Multiplication.com](#) - Games to practice multiplication fluency
- [Sheppard Software](#) - Mathematics games for Kindergarten - 5th Grade, sorted by concepts
- [Johnnie's Math Page](#) Mathematics for all ages, sorted by grade or topic

Math and Language Practice

- [Funbrain](#) - Videos and games on a variety of math and language topics, sorted by grades
- [ABCYA](#) - Mathematics, language, and problem solving games, sorted by grade level
- [Interactive Sites](#) - This site has a variety of games and tools for hands on mathematics and language arts, sorted by topics
- [PBS Cyberchase](#) - This site contains various games, videos, and activities.
- [Starfall](#) - Language and mathematics activities for younger grades
- [IXL](#) - Student log-ins will continue to work over the summer

Fine/Gross Motor Skills

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to tie your shoes.• Learn to cook and try out new recipes.• Use a sketchbook and colored pencils to sketch scenes from throughout your summer.• Make playdough.• Practice picking up smaller objects such as beans with tweezers or chopsticks. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice rolling, kicking, throwing and catching balls.• Learn to sew or weave.• Learn calligraphy.• Master a new athletic skill.• Practice your handwriting.• 15 Gross Motor Skills Activities• Head for the nearest playground for an hour of swinging, climbing and sliding. |
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Inquiry - Science, Social Studies, STEM, and more to explore

Early Learning Focus

- Busy Toddler - [Summer Camp at Home](#): This free download shares 6 themed weeks filled with hands-on fun and easy activities for younger students.
- [Listen to stories read aloud](#) and follow along.
- [ABCYA](#) - games to practice letters and numbers

Kindergarten and above

- [Scratch](#) - This site, hosted by MIT, allows children to create stories, games, and animations
- [Learn to Code](#) - Take advantage of a free trial hour
- [Code.org](#) - Easy-to-try ways to begin your exploration of computer science
- [Kodable](#) - Designed for young learners getting their first taste of coding
- [Tinkercad](#) - foundational skills for innovation: 3D design, electronics, and coding
- [Art and Animation](#) - Disney Educational Resources
- [Fact Monster](#) - Explore a variety of topics ranging from history, to mathematics, to language arts
- [Scholastic News Online](#) offers daily news and current events for children where you can make many math connections
- [Kids National Geographic](#) - You can find articles, videos, and current events related to topics and issues all around the world. This is a great resource for reading as well.
- [Sheppard Software](#) - Learn all about animals, the world around us, nutrition, the skeleton, and much more. This would be a great site to provoke inquiry for older students.
- [Highlights Kids](#) - This site has lots to explore, including some fun experiments.
- [Make a Mangrove](#) - An ecosystem game that allows children to construct mangroves
- [Switcheroo Zoo](#) - Educational animal games

Travel the World without Leaving your Living Room - Virtual Field Trips

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Space<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Stellarium - Explore stars, planets, and more◦ Solar System Tour◦ Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas◦ Mars Moon Sun• Animals<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Food Farm - Explore a working farm◦ Georgia Aquarium Webcams◦ Monterey Bay Aquarium - Jelly cam◦ Houston Zoo webcams◦ San Diego Zoo webcams◦ Zoo Atlanta Panda cam | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History and Geography<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Google Arts and Culture◦ National Museum of Natural History Tours◦ Great Wall of China◦ The Pyramids◦ Rainforest◦ Wadi Rum, Jordan◦ Greenland, Land of Icebergs◦ Victoria Falls, The Pearl of Africa◦ 3D Interactive Globes◦ Virtual Travels |
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***As always, please closely monitor your child whenever he or she is using technology, especially if forms of social media or messaging services are being utilized.**



Enjoy your summer!

