

# 2021 Summer LEARNING CHALLENGE

2nd  
GRADE

3rd  
GRADE

## Why this is **IMPORTANT**:

Years of research have shown how important the continuation of learning during the summer is to all students. The Mississippi Department of Education, along with the Mississippi Library Commission and Mississippi Public Broadcasting, challenges districts and parents/guardians to continue the learning so that **ALL** students are prepared for the 2021-2022 school year. Make summer learning fun and engaging by participating in the local public library's summer reading program, watching informational shows on MPB, or checking out the resources in this document to help **ALL** our students **RISE** to the challenge.



## SUMMER READING

There are several different ways to engage students in reading this summer. The Mississippi public libraries are hosting activities based on the 2021 Summer Reading theme – Tails and Tales – which celebrates all the animals that roam the lands and soar through the skies. Students and parents can visit the Strong Readers, Strong Leaders website (<https://strongreadersms.com>) to find additional reading and writing activities to help **RISE** to the summer learning challenge.



## PRINT RESOURCES

- ★ *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- ★ *A Color of His Own* by Leo Lionni
- ★ *An Elephant in the Garden* by Michael Morpurgo
- ★ *Giant Squid* by Candace Fleming
- ★ *Thinker* by Eloise Greenfield



## ONLINE RESOURCES

- ★ Find a Book:  
[hub.lexile.com/find-a-book/search](http://hub.lexile.com/find-a-book/search)
- ★ Phonics Activities:  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
- ★ Vocabulary:  
[www.khanacademy.org/ela](http://www.khanacademy.org/ela)
- ★ Word Games:  
[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

NOTE: Use these resources at home, on the go, or at the public library!



## Mathematics

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- ★ Continue your student's learning with Prodigy math games. The site includes games that adapt to your child's learning level. To create an account, visit: [www.prodigygame.com/pages/parents](http://www.prodigygame.com/pages/parents).
- ★ MetaMetrics offers a six-week online free math skills program for students in 1-8 grades. Students can access math learning activities that are aligned with state math standards. To start the challenge, visit: [hub.lexile.com/summer-math-challenge](http://hub.lexile.com/summer-math-challenge).



## Science

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- ★ Start with a Book: Summer Science offers five different ways to incorporate reading into science. The programs will strengthen children's literacy, inquiry, and problem-solving skills – and connect kids with high-quality resources. To begin these book-based science adventures, visit: [www.startwithabook.org/summer-science](http://www.startwithabook.org/summer-science).
- ★ National Geographic Kids features educational games, videos, and other activities, centered around on animals and the natural world. To learn fun facts, visit: [kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com).



## Vocabulary

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- ★ Flocabulary provides grade-level lists from both second and third grades. To learn more about the vocabulary lists, visit: [www.flocabulary.com/wordlists](http://www.flocabulary.com/wordlists).
- ★ Practice vocabulary with crossword, writing, matching, grammar, and spelling worksheets for English Learners. These activities are great for students from PreK to third grade. To get started, visit: [www.kidsllearningville.com/language-esl-efl](http://www.kidsllearningville.com/language-esl-efl).



## Other Resources

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- ★ Check out literacy and other educational tips and resources from EPIC Mississippi. For parents and guardians to receive FREE text messages, visit [www.facebook.com/epicms](http://www.facebook.com/epicms) or Instagram: @EPICMississippi.
- ★ The MPB Classroom channel is rich with educational content from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Search for specific lessons targeted to your child's need, visit: [education.mpbonline.org/mpb-classroom-tv](http://education.mpbonline.org/mpb-classroom-tv).

For more summer learning activities and resources, visit [mdek12.org/LearningAtHome](http://mdek12.org/LearningAtHome)

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