

2021 Summer LEARNING CHALLENGE

4th
GRADE

5th
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

- ★ *Are You Ready to Hatch an Unusual Chicken?* by Kelly Jones
- ★ *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate
- ★ *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech
- ★ *Song for a Whale* by Lynee Kelly
- ★ *Souder* by William H. Armstrong



ONLINE RESOURCES

- ★ Find a Book:
hub.lexile.com/find-a-book/search
- ★ Language Arts Games:
www.turtlediary.com/games.html
- ★ Reading Comprehension:
readtheory.org
- ★ Word Games:
www.abcya.com

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



Mathematics

- ★ 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.
- ★ 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.



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.
- ★ Camp Wonderopolis is a site that offers interactive programs which engage students in interactive STEM and literacy-building skills. To download these activities, visit: camp.wonderopolis.org.



Social Studies

- ★ Students can go on an adventure with Benjamin "Ben" Franklin as he explores the U.S. Government. To learn more about Ben's Guide, visit: bensguide.gpo.gov.



Vocabulary

- ★ Flocabulary provides grade-level lists from both fourth and fifth grades. To learn more about the vocabulary lists, visit: www.flocabulary.com/wordlists.
- ★ Practice grade-level close reading, reading for understanding, and vocabulary with Khan Academy. To get started, visit: www.khanacademy.org/ela.



Other Resources

- ★ 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.

For more summer learning activities and resources, visit mdek12.org/LearningAtHome

SUMMER LEARNING PARTNERS:

