

# 2021 Summer LEARNING CHALLENGE



## Why this is **IMPORTANT**:

Summer Reading is a contributing component to bridging the gap between struggling readers and children that begin to read at a high level. Studies show that children who read more and take part in summer-based programs that are geared to enhance their skills, are more likely to not only become good readers but find reading exciting. Parents, please continue to utilize the resources that are available to you. Using these resources can benefit your child and help boost their reading skills.



## SUMMER READING

Summer reading is a critical component for students to retain knowledge and sustain skills learned from the previous school year. For preschoolers, this component is necessary for language development and early literacy. Summer reading also enhances the creativity of play for preschoolers. Reading adds to a child's imagination and allows children to be creative based on what was heard or seen from a book or story. Summer reading for a preschooler is an adventure that can take place repeatedly and never forgotten.



## PRINT RESOURCES

- ★ *The Enormous Crocodile - Roald Dahl*
- ★ *First 100 Animals - Roger Priddy*
- ★ *Ocean Animals from Head to Tail - Stacey Roderick*
- ★ *Pete the Cat "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" - James Dean*
- ★ *What is Your Favorite Animal - Eric Carle?*



## ONLINE RESOURCES

- ★ Alphabet Games:  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
- ★ eBooks:  
[www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com)
- ★ Interactive Games:  
<http://resourcesforearlylearning.org>
- ★ Online Stories:  
[www.storyplace.org](http://www.storyplace.org)

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



## Vocabulary and Literacy Resources

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- ★ Building children's vocabulary essentially helps a child make sense of the words while reading. Reading helps children begin to build a strong vocabulary. The more they practice they will strengthen their knowledge of words. Continue that process during the summer by visiting these websites:

[www.eslgameworld.com](http://www.eslgameworld.com)

[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)

<https://strongreadersms.com/pre-k>

- ★ Continue to practice writing letters, identifying letters, matching letters and sounds, learning the keyboard, viewing storybooks, and prepping with kindergarten sight words:

[www.ABCya.com](http://www.ABCya.com)

- ★ Reading aloud to your child provides them with background knowledge on their young world, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read. Therefore, the more adults read aloud to their children, the larger their vocabularies will grow, and the more they will know and understand about the world and their place in it.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/2hkj28at>

<http://resourcesforearlylearning.org/parents>



## Math Resources

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- ★ Keep your students involved and engaged with Math activity games and websites.

[www.coolmathgames.com](http://www.coolmathgames.com)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

[www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com)

- ★ MDE offers Family Guides for Student Success, centered around mathematics activities that are fun and build children's mathematic skills.

[www.mdek12.org/OAE/OEER/FamilyGuideTrainingMaterials](http://www.mdek12.org/OAE/OEER/FamilyGuideTrainingMaterials)



## Social Emotional Resources

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- ★ Assist children in sharing and understanding their feelings by visiting these sites that explore ways to engage in social emotional activities.

<https://strongreadersms.com/sel/pksel>

<https://empoweredparents.co/social-emotional-activities-for-preschoolers>

<https://www.kiddiematters.com/100-social-skills-activities-preschoolers>

<https://www.coxcampus.org>

<https://tinyurl.com/2hkj28at>

<http://resourcesforearlylearning.org/parents>



## Science Resources

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- ★ Allow preschoolers to become scientist and explore animals through these amazing websites.

[www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com) - science journal app (android or iPhone)

[www.nasa.gov/kidsclub](http://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub)

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com>



## Family Enrichment Activities

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- ★ The links listed below are hands-on family enrichment activities that can be done at home and will give your child fun learning experiences away from the computer screen.

Conversations with Children: <https://tinyurl.com/2hkj28at>

Earth and Space: [https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/earth\\_and\\_space\\_science.pdf](https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/earth_and_space_science.pdf)

Explore the family enrichment activities that are thematic based to have fun and learn with your child: <https://mdek12.org/EC/Back-to-School-Resources>

Family Engagement Calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/skzh5hxt>

Science: [https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/physical\\_science.pdf](https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/physical_science.pdf)

Shining the Light on Mississippi Department of Education At - Home Resources for Parents of Three – Year Old Children. These resources were created by the Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning at the University of Mississippi: <https://tinyurl.com/2kjuf8x2>



## 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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