

Emerson Chalk Talk

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. LEDDY



Our hearts are heavy as we wrap up the school year, from remote locations, but our hearts are filled with love for our Emerson families and a commitment to the success of our students. As I mentioned last week, LCS announced May 20, as the new date to end instruction for 2019-2020. As a result, we are wrapping up our work with students and planning with our best collaborative thinking to reflect on the quarter of remote instruction and to plan for whatever environment we face in the Fall. We will work to improve our craft through the end of the school year as it was set. So, while students will not receive new instruction after May 20th, our educators will continue through the end of the regularly scheduled calendar year. Knowing that some families have faced challenges and interruptions during remote learning, May 21-May 29th are days set for students to catch up. Teachers will be checking on the previously assigned lessons but they will not be posting new assignments until the Fall. Reach out if you need support to get caught up. We still have lots of things to do and news to share; so read on and stay tuned. You will have two more Chalk Talks for the next two weeks and we will continue to support you through the end of our school year.

- Mrs. Leddy

Don't miss this!

- [5-15-2020 District extended closure update](#)
- Dr. Barnes is holding another Live Listen & Learn session on Facebook this Tuesday, May 19 at 6 pm. Please visit the LCS [Facebook page](#) to hear from the Superintendent. Ask questions. Share feedback on this school year and next.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON?

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** These are recorded once a week for teachers to share out. If you missed it this week, here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/LAgoqnSMtLk>

Do you share Mrs. Leddy's wacky talent from the announcement link above?

Show us on Twitter!

#EmersonConnects



2. REMOTE END-OF-YEAR EXPERIENCES

are well underway. Thank you, Ms. Vidnovic, for collaborating and bringing ideas to grow our Twitter impact which made promoting and celebrating our school events possible. The live play-by-plays of the parade were amazing. Check them out on Twitter if you want to reminisce. I know we are still

smiling about our **Emerson Parade!** Thank you for everyone's support with the planning this new event...a special shout out to

Stacy Rocco who helped us learn about how to plan a parade route and for Officer Dave Acklin for his extended route coverage that allowed several officers to coordinate at intersections to keep us moving.

This week, we had a fun filled **Virtual Field Week**. If you want to see some of the teachers modeling the virtual field week events for you, we gathered them in the Youtube link below. Feel free to try the challenges this weekend or on any day that you need a little fun. Thank you, Mr. Russ for this planning! You can still Tweet them with the hashtags too.

We appreciate being about to see our students and families doing well and engaging in our events .



https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqjk0bY6x39GMKqEypXkaXwr_GNiKwjZ6

Be excited
for what is
to come!

SO WHAT IS NEXT? ART-ART-ART!

1. See the flyer and Twitter Grid for **Chalkfest next week**. If you don't have chalk, we have alternatives. If it rains, Chalk on any day that shows us sunshine in Lakewood!
2. GREAT NEWS! OUR **VIRTUAL ART SHOW** VIDEO RELEASE IS BEING MOVED UP FROM OUR EXPECTED 5/29 DATE TO 5/20! Mrs. Murray is AMAZING and has been putting in many, many hours to adjust to our revised closure dates. Watch for the release to be posted in the specials Google Classroom on Wednesday. It will be posted in the next CHALK TALK.
3. INSIDE SCOOP... Planning is in the works for a banner to be placed on the front lawn of Clifton. We expect it to arrive around June 1st. There, you can take end-of-year pictures with your children in front of the school. You can come up at your leisure and manage social distancing. While you walk up to the school, you can reminisce about school memories and friends made. The school year is ending differently and this is one way to celebrate and wrap up the year.



SPECIAL EXPERIENCES FOR OUR FIFTH GRADERS

A committee of parents continues to work with our staff to create special experiences for our fifth graders that will take place in a staggered fashion. Things to look forward include:

- Promotion certificates to honor their completion of schooling at Emerson will be mailed to homes
- Signs where a parent can take a picture of their fifth grade student (see above) PLUS...more to come!
- A reverse car parade where 5th grade families drive through to be clapped out on 5/29 at 2:00PM. This time, you can decorate your car! Grade 5 see your teacher's platforms for the flyer that was posted today.
- A video of fifth graders, created by fifth grade teachers
- A memory book with pictures to commemorate our fifth graders & a favorite memory to be printed for later delivery, compliments of PTO
- The Tree of Hands likely to be completed at the end of summer

Fifth Grade Summer Reading

As our school year comes to an end, I would like to share the Summer Reading Assignment with you. All incoming sixth graders are expected to complete a summer reading task. Please click the link below for details.

<https://sites.google.com/lakewoodcityschools.org/lkwdms/home>





Help! The school year is ending

1. Help! How will I get the Emerson Yearbook that I ordered from Ripcho?

Here is communication from Ripcho:

- All of our customer service calls and emails have been answered 100% on a daily basis. Our parents are very happy that they are getting immediate response to their questions.
- Yearbook production has been moved off site to various locations to continue production on your books. All books will be printed this summer and delivered to the schools in the fall.
- If you have any questions or special needs, please contact Bill Ripcho at: bill@ripchostudio.com 216-287-7018 cell Thank you and together we will get through this. Be safe. -[William J. Ripcho](#)



- 2. Help! How will I get my child's Report Card?** The quarter 4 report card will be viewed online as was done for quarter 3. If you had trouble with this, here is some information to make sure you are set for the last report card.
 - Report card helpline contact tina.endress@lakewoodcityschools.org
 - Report card support video for Family Hub LINK below:
<https://sites.google.com/lakewoodcityschools.org/parentaccess/home>
- 3. Help! How will I get my 5th graders Promotion Certificate?** Don't worry! We have heard from you and know this is important; so, we will be mailing them to your homes to arrive no later than June 2.
- 4. Help! We can't get into the Google Classroom for the Upcoming Virtual Art Show!** [LINK to joining the Emerson Specials: Art, Music, and P. E.](#)
- 5. Help! We want to keep our borrowed Chromebook for the summer.**
We are sorry but that is not possible. NOTE: ALL K-5 BORROWED CHROMEBOOKS WILL BE COLLECTED ON JUNE 1-2 AS THEY ARE NEEDED FOR SUMMER SCHOOL USE.
- 6. Help! How will I get my student's personal items?**
We continue to plan for the final exchange of materials between school and home. We have items in the classrooms to return to you and Art portfolios coming too. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, teachers are staggering and scheduling times to organize the materials for each of our students. This takes time as all staff needs to maintain appropriate distancing and subsequent cleaning needs to follow. We are packaging

up materials as nicely as possible but I am sure you can imagine that some student's desks are neater than others! Below are the dates and times scheduled by the district, but watch for detailed procedures in next Friday's (May 22) Chalk Talk.

FYI: Borrowed instruments will be kept for the summer and so, our musicians can keep practicing all summer long!

District Plans: Elementary School Student Classroom Item Pick Up and Chromebook Drop Off

The following schedule is for elementary school pick up of all classroom items and the return of your student Chromebook (if borrowed), library, and classroom books. Each teacher has ensured that student items have been packaged for parent pick up. Pick up will be in the Gym/Cafeteria. Please try to come at the time allotted to you as it is divided up by the first letter of your student's last name. If you are unable to make either date, please contact your building principal.

- We will have staff on duty to check people in at the doors and to assure that there are not too many people in one area of the building at a time. With that in mind, we are asking that only one family member come to pick up bagged items.
- We ask that family members adhere to the regulations set forth by Governor DeWine for proper social distancing and encourage wearing a mask.

ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		
TIME/DATE	June 1	June 2
10:00 - 12:00	A - M	N - Z
1:00 - 3:00	N - Z	A - M

*More details to come in regards to communication of specific items for drop-off/pick-up and staffing for these dates.

- No Chromebook Returned - \$200
- No Charger Returned - \$25

WHAT WE NEED TO COLLECT FROM FAMILIES

While you are awaiting final protocols for pick up, here are some initial thoughts on how you can help prepare for our material pick up/computer exchange day:

1. Start collecting library books and classroom books that have been borrowed and place them in a bin where you can easily access them. Wipe them down if you are able.
2. If you borrowed a Chromebook, the night before, please charge it up and wipe it down if you can. If you have a sticky note, please record your child's grade level and name. Make sure you have the power cord too.



EMERSON CONNECTS WEEK 5/18-5/20

Here are ways we can use social media to connect. Join the fun & show art skills and kindness during Chalkfest. Plus, there is more time to post those Field Week photos if you choose.

EMERSON CONNECTS 5/18-5/20

Follow our school on Twitter: [@LkwdEmerson](https://twitter.com/LkwdEmerson)

Follow our PTO on Facebook: [@EmersonElementaryPTO](https://www.facebook.com/EmersonElementaryPTO)

HAPPY VIRTUAL CHALKFEST!

Chalkfest is a beloved Emerson tradition each spring.

Join your teachers and their families for a week of remote fun sharing our chalk creations!

Don't have chalk? That's okay! Check out these ideas:

- Use a rainbow font on a black background to type a special message that looks like digital chalking!
- Use crayons, markers, or color pencils on any paper for your creations!
 - Use a white crayon to draw on dark paper (brown, black, purple)

What will you create?

Share your photos with us to be featured on our [@LkwdEmerson](https://twitter.com/LkwdEmerson) Twitter page!

Be creative and have fun! We miss you, friends!

5/18 Monday

Choose happiness today by chalking pictures that can bring joy to others! Make your family and neighbors smile!



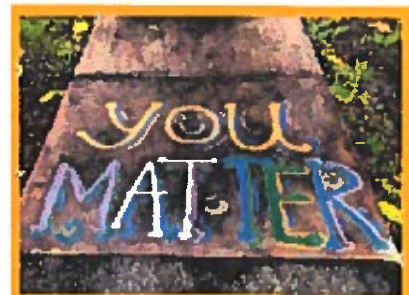
5/19 Tuesday

Use painter's tape to create a geometric design, chalk around the lines, and you'll have a masterpiece!



5/20 Wednesday

Chalk some thoughtful words to encourage others and share your kindness with anyone who walks by!



Let's Stay Connected, Emerson!

Follow Emerson's Twitter page for updates, celebrations, and ways to stay in touch throughout summer.

SUMMER FUN WEEKLY GRID COMING SOON!

We love to see what you are doing from home!
Keep posting those pictures by tagging us and using the hashtags below.

[@LkwdEmerson](https://twitter.com/LkwdEmerson)

[#InThisTogetherLKWD](https://twitter.com/hashtag/InThisTogetherLKWD)



[#EmersonConnects](https://twitter.com/hashtag/EmersonConnects)

MESSAGE FROM FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR

If you or your child wants to touch base feel free to email me at any time and I will email you back. All of us will be experiencing some feelings of anxiety as our lives have been temporarily disrupted. We are all in this together and together we will come through stronger and better because of it.

NEED A PARENT-CHILD MEDIATION? It's a real thing! If you find your child is not listening to you about school, you can let me know and I can have a conversation with them. I am glad to mediate this with you to help students understand that the Governor needs us to do school this way and they need to login in and complete work daily as assigned by teachers and relayed by you. We can set up a phone call. Simply reach me by email.

-Emerson Family Resource Coordinator, Tara Shirley tara.shirley@lakewoodcityschools.org

GREAT RESOURCES

OhioGuidestone continues to provide counseling and case management services to students and families to help navigate COVID-19. We are here to help during these difficult times. If anyone is interested in services, please contact our Director, Jane Wood at 216-513-8073 or jane.wood@ohioguidestone.org



Michael Carr, LSW, LPCC-S, Mental Health Navigator, is a great listener. He is committed to connecting families to resources they need like counseling for your children or family members in need. He has parenting resources too. Reach out if it is helpful to you. These are trying times!

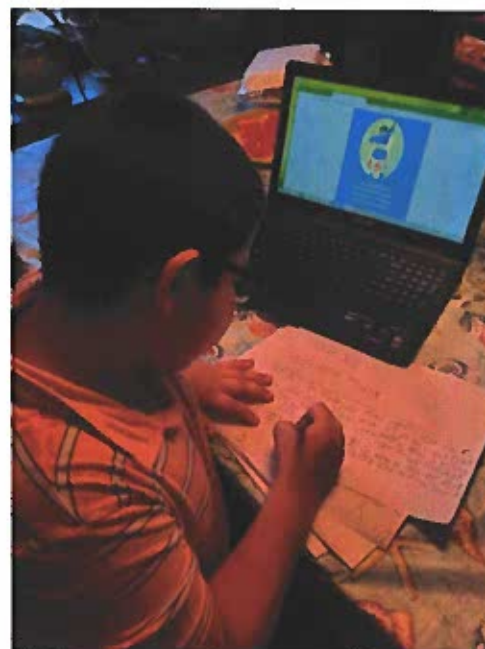
Medical Clinic at Lakewood High School: 14100 Franklin Blvd Lakewood, OH 44107
Office Phone: (216) 221-5379 | Cell Phone: (216) 318-0899 CARRM2@ccf.org

FAMILY RESOURCES

Akron Children's Hospital has provided a series of COVID-19-related videos to schools to share with families as we strive to keep everyone safe and healthy.

- Face Mask Etiquette: <https://youtu.be/1K9Zs16dhRE>
- Hand Washing: <https://youtu.be/Cw4h-4WEpHg>
- Hand Sanitizing: <https://youtu.be/YylsSJxHJdQ>
- How to Make a No-Sew Mask: <https://youtu.be/odD2SCgCKy4>
- Social Distancing: What is Six Feet?: <https://youtu.be/OesXL316M4s>
- Cross Contamination and Gloves: <https://youtu.be/SGvVNFw1Egs>

LAKWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION
<https://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/>



• REGISTRATION RE-OPENING ONLINE

Registration for new students, including kindergarten and preschool, will be moved to an online format beginning May 21. Please encourage any family, neighbors and friends to register their student(s) early for next school year. [Registration page](#)

FREE breakfast/lunch pick up for ANY Lakewood family

Monday & Thursday at 11:00AM -12:00PM at LHS, Garfield MS and Harding MS.

- You can get **tech support** here if you have a school Chromebook. **NOTE: ALL K-5 BORROWED CHROMEBOOKS WILL BE COLLECTED ON JUNE 1-2 AS THEY ARE NEEDED FOR SUMMER SCHOOL USE.**
- We also have **books in bins** if you want some books
- **The week of Memorial Day, the Monday meal pickup will be moved to Tuesday, May 26. Also, the last day for meal pickup will be Monday, June 1. At this pickup, meals will be given for the entire week.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 15** Last Day to Assign Homework/Projects
- **May 20** Last Day of School for Students
- **May 29** Last Day for Students to Submit Missing Work
- **June 3** Last Day for Teachers - Grades Due for teachers

Have you completed the 2020 Census yet for your household? It takes about 10 minutes. Go to: 2020census.gov & you can click "respond" to complete your information or watch a short, less than 2 minute video to learn more. The 2020 Census is for everyone and impacts Ohio's allocation of representatives,

MESSAGE FROM PTO

Please follow us on **Facebook @EmersonElementaryPTO**. See our many pictures to help us connect. We are planning for next year; so, If you want to be more involved, reach out! Check your email and the FB page for summer updates, including information regarding our summer pool party and first of the year events.

Let's Stay Connected, Emerson!



SCAN ME

Follow Emerson's twitter page for all of our updates, celebrations, and ways to stay in touch with families, even throughout the summer.
We love to see what you are doing from home!
Keep posting these pictures by tagging us and using the hashtags below.

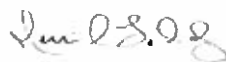
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[#InThisTogetherLKWD](#)  [#EmersonConnects](#)

FINALLY, IF YOU NEED SUMMER RESOURCES, SEE THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW.

Thank you for partnering with us in this new normal. If you have questions, you can reach out to me or your child's classroom teacher. It is important to our Emerson staff that we keep communication open.

Your Principal and Partner in Learning,

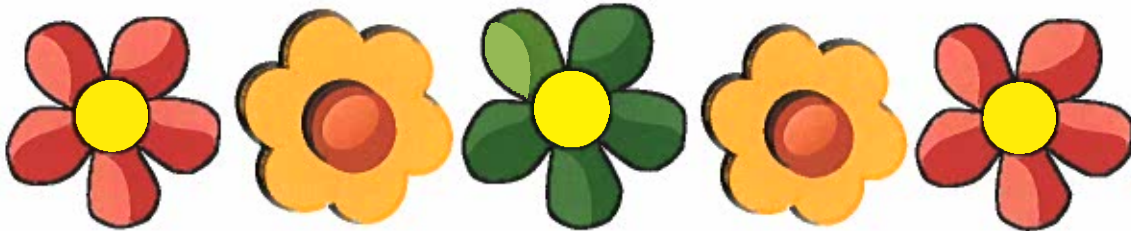


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AS WE BEGIN TO TRANSITION FROM THE SCHOOL YEAR TO SUMMER
HERE ARE SOME EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR LEARNERS DURING SUMMER BREAK

Emerson Title Resources



General Parent Information

Since we were unable to hold our Title event night this year, we thought we would gather resources that would be helpful in supporting your child at home. We have placed resources into specific categories to help make navigating easy. If you have questions about anything or want more information please let us know. We hope this is beneficial to you and your child.

If you have any questions or need help with anything please feel free to reach out.

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How to help your child learn to read- This video shows great tips on things to do to help your child practice reading skills and grow as readers.

Parent Tips- Tips on how to help your child become an improved reader.

How has reading changed- Things have changed a lot since we were younger and learning to read. This describes what has changed, so you can better understand what your child is learning.

Help with reading at home- Four tips to help with reading at home and nurture your child's growing love of reading.

Leveled Work- This packet shares what skills need to be worked on in each level while working with your child.

Reading Tip Sheets- This website gives some reading tip sheets for kids up to third grade. It also has tip sheets in 13 different languages.

Read Alouds

Here you can find information about read alouds, including how to do them with your child and places to find great read alouds.

Reading aloud is one of the most important things parents can do with their child. Reading aloud builds many important foundational skills, introduces vocabulary, provides a model of fluent, expressive reading, and helps children recognize what reading for pleasure is all about.

How to do a Read Aloud

[How to Read Aloud to your Child](#) Here is a helpful video on how to read aloud to your child.

[Choosing a read aloud](#) Choosing the right read aloud is important. The right read aloud depends on the age and skills that you want to work on with your child.

[Hands on Activities](#) Hands on activities that you can link to your read alouds.

[Reading to your kids](#) How to keep your kids engaged when reading with them.

Read Aloud Resources

[Storyline Online](#)- Read alouds by celebrated actors from the Screen Actors Guild.

[Rhyming book read alouds](#)- A list of great rhyming read aloud books from PBS kids.

[Dial a Story](#)- This website has a phone number you can call to hear stories read aloud. There are stories for both younger and older students. Stories are available in 16 languages.

[Epic](#)- Kids love Epic. It has many books and videos students love. Many of the books can be read aloud. There is also an app for tablets.

[Authors doing Read Alouds](#)- This has all the authors who are doing virtual read alouds during social distancing and where you can find them.

What is phonemic awareness and phonics?

Phonemic Awareness- The ability to hear, identify, or move and change sounds which are called phonemes. It is a basic skill that gets students ready to develop as readers. It is usually taught during kindergarten and beginning of first grade.

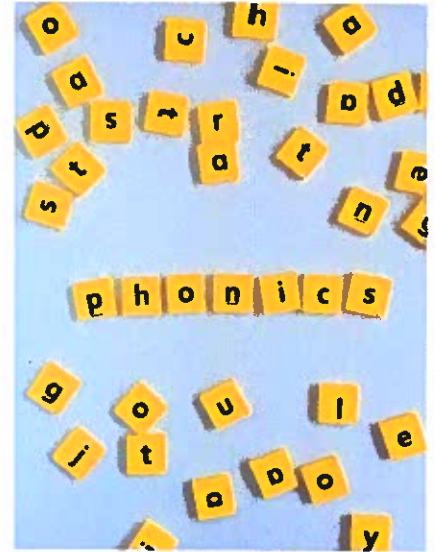
Phonics- This is a way of learning to read that teaches your child to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sounds they represent. Children can then start to read words by blending the sounds together to make a word.

Phonics for Parents- This video gives a great explanation of what phonics is and what parents need to know.

Teaching Phonics Teaching your child phonics can be tricky. This article will help you understand how to teach phonics with your child.

Starfall- This website teaches basic reading and writing skills. It starts with ABCs and phonics and then moves into intermediate skills. It has expanded over the years to add in math skills as well. **Phonics Apps**- This website gives a list of apps that will work with students on phonics skills and can be downloaded to ipads or tablets.

ABC Mouse- This is a great website that can be used at home. It is a paid site, but does offer a 30 day free trial. It includes phonics, reading, math and so much more. The material on this website covers up to around second grade. Your child will have their own learning path to work on things they need.



Fluency

Fluency- The ability to read with speed, accuracy, and prosody. In order to understand what they read, children must be able to read fluently whether reading silently or aloud.

- **Speed**- Fluent readers read at the appropriate rate of speed for their age and grade level.
- **Accuracy**- Fluent readers have highly automatic word recognition and the skills to sound out unfamiliar words.
- **Prosody**- Fluent readers use prosody (pitch, stress, and timing) to convey meaning when they read aloud.

Fluency for parents- This is a great video on what fluency is and what parents need to know.

How can I help my child at home. This website gives a good description of fluency as well as ways you can help your child at home.

5 Strategies- Here are 5 strategies you can use to help improve your child's reading fluency.

Boost Reading Fluency- Six smart strategies to boost reading fluency with your child.



Raising Readers- This site gives you a good definition of fluency and tips you can use to help your child improve their reading fluency.

Comprehension

Comprehension- The ability to gather meaning from the printed page. It is the ability to process text, understand its meaning and to integrate what the reader already knows.

Reading Comprehension for Parents- This video has a great explanation of comprehension for parents.

Understanding reading comprehension There are several strategies that help a reader comprehend what they are reading. Here you will find the **parents guide to comprehension strategies**.

ABC'S of Reading Comprehension

Questions- Questions you can ask when reading

6 Strategies to Improve Reading Comprehension

Reading Activities- Everyday reading activities for comprehension that parents can do at home.

Reading Adventure Packets- These packs are theme based pair sets of fiction and non-fiction books with activities that can be done at home.



Math

You, the parent, play an important role in the development of your child's math skills. In this section you will find some good resources and sites that can help your child to continue growing their skills at home.

How can you help at home- Here are several ways you can help your child grow math skills at home.

Math today is different from the way that we learned. This resource will help with understanding and helping with **math today**.

Ways a Parent Can Help with MATH

1

Look for shapes and patterns in real life

2

Have your child measure ingredients for a recipe you are making

3

Ask your child to explain the math skills he or she is working on in school

4

When helping your child with homework or school assignments, ask him or her to explain how he or she got an answer

5

Help your child find some appropriate number and problem-solving games to play online

6

Play card or board games that involve counting or patterns

7

Ask your child to count change at the grocery store, or to estimate the total cost while you are shopping

8

Compare:
Which is the tallest?
...the heaviest?
...the longest?
...the smallest?
...the fastest?
...the hottest?
...the most expensive?

9

Have tools such as a ruler, a scale, a calculator, and a measuring tape available to use in your house

10

Encourage your child to track or graph scores or stats for a favorite sports team

11

Use dice or playing cards to make a game out of practicing math facts



Cool Math- Here, your child can play games like Alien Addition and Demolition Division to help master math skills.

ABCya-This site has kid favorites like Jetski Addition, Basketball Shootout and Math Bingo that will keep them engaged and learning.

Funbrain-A great site for fun digital math games at various levels.

Multiplication.com- Practice multiplication skills with fun games.

Hooda Math- These fun math games include digital versions of popular math based board games.

Math Playground-Give your brain a workout by playing games to practice fractions, decimals and basic addition and subtraction.

Summer Reading

Here you can find some fun summer reading activities that will help keep your child engaged through the summer months.

Reading Rockets- Here are ten weeks of suggestions to encourage your child to open books even after school doors close.

Scholastic- Avoid the Summer Slide With These Fun Summer Reading Ideas

Start with a Book- Themed Books and Activities for Summer Reading and Learning



Additional Resources

K12 Reader- This site offers free reading instruction resources for teachers and parents. If you're looking for practice materials for your child, you can find worksheets and detailed program supplements for reading, spelling, sight words, grammar, phonics, comprehension, writing, and more.

PBS for parents- Parent resources, tips, and advice.

IXL- Personalized learning in a variety of subjects. You can pick the subject you want or do all subjects.

U.S. Department of Education- This website from the Department of Education has several resources on how to help your child become a successful reader.

Printable Reading Resources- You will find several printable resources to help with your child's reading.

Building Skills at Home- Here are some strategies on how to build skills in Reading, Writing, Spelling, and Math.

Resources for Families- A variety of reading resources that can be used at home.

Read Write Think- This website is a favorite for teachers. There are many at home resources available.