



TECH BYTES



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JUNE LEARNING CALENDARS



Kid.Gov Learning Calendar

<http://kids.usa.gov/teachers/calendar/june/index.shtml>

Enchanted Learning Calendar

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/activitycalendars/2015/jun.shtml>

Universal Preschool Learning Calendar

http://www.universalpreschool.com/learning_calendar/june.asp

Reading is Fundamental

http://www.rif.org/documents/us/Jun15_LtR_calendar.pdf

The Teacher's Corner

<http://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/june.php>



Resources for Summer Reading Projects and Programs

Research has shown that students lose a significant amount of skills over the three-month period of time that makes up summer break. One of the best ways to negate this brain drain is to assign and discuss summer reading projects.

Summer Reading with Barnes and Noble

Barnes and Noble is historically a great resource for summer reading programs year after year. This year, the bookstore is offering a free book to students who chose to do their Reading Journal Challenge. To participate, students will download and print the Barnes and Noble reading journal and use it to record a minimum of eight boos. Upon completion, the student can then bring the journal into a local B&N stores and chose any book from the Reading Journal list for free. Barnes and Noble additionally offer suggested reading lists for students across all grade levels. Check out both the Reading Journal challenge and the list of suggested books.

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

Scholastic is looking to set a new reading world record for this summer through its free online summer reading program. The program includes resources for kids, educators, and parents alike. For kids, the program works by having them log the minutes they spend reading and provides incentive by having certain logged hours unlock stories and rewards. For parents and educators, Scholastic offers free book lists to let students use to select books throughout the summer months.

<http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015>

Sylvan Reading Book Adventure

By registering your students/children for this free summer reading program, students in grades K-8 will be able to search for books, read them, and then answer quizzes about the book to earn prizes. The program runs all year round, but most educators report finding it most useful for kids during the long summer months.

<http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>

Read Works

Summer Reading - Rising 1st & 2nd Graders

<http://tinyurl.com/mqpaj62>

Summer Reading-2nd Grade - Going into 3rd Grade

Summer Reads for Rising 3rd, 4th, 5th Graders

<http://tinyurl.com/mjcv9hw>



Online Summer Learning Opportunities

GoNoodle (Camp GoNoodle)

A fun and free online program that has students learning through play and other various educational activities

http://camp.gonoodle.com/?mc_cid=cc0c423bbe&mc_eid=ff95120d05

Brain Chase

A online five week program for grades 2-8. This adventure has students working in the subjects of math, reading, writing, and more, while watching animated episodes and solving educational problems.

<http://www.ck12.org/summer>

Ten Marks

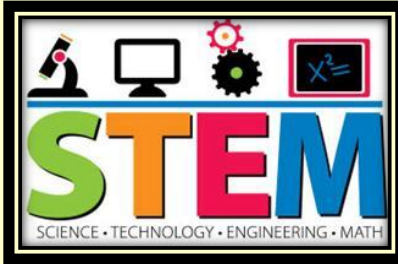
A free online adaptive program that has students strengthen their math skills while receiving detailed results

<https://www.tenmarks.com/summermath>



Tips for Troubleshooting Chromebooks

<http://www.techlearning.com/blogentry/9269>



STEM Resources

MathSite - You will enjoy this amazing interactive journey in math. The exhibits found at MathSite are intended for people of all ages who are interested in or are curious about mathematics. No specialized mathematical knowledge or special expertise is assumed. You will find it a place to see, hear, and do mathematics.

<http://mathsite.math.berkeley.edu/main.html>

Engineer Your Life - This engaging website is the centerpiece of a national campaign, and is meant for high school girls and the adults in their lives (parents, counselors, teachers, and other educators) who want to learn more about what life and work are like for engineers. It is a great place to explore outstanding engineering possibilities.

<http://www.engineeryourlife.org/>

Computer Science Unplugged - CS Unplugged is a wonderful collection of free learning activities that teach Computer Science through engaging games and puzzles that use cards, string, crayons and lots of running around. The activities introduce students to underlying STEM concepts such as binary numbers, algorithms and data compression, separated from the distractions and technical details we usually see with computers.

<http://csunplugged.com/>

Accelerator Nation - It is time for you to bring aerodynamics to life in your STEM Classroom. You and your students can dive into hands-on aerodynamics experiments and dynamic STEM activities that support core science lessons in force, momentum, and speed. Along with the main link... check out this special area for teachers.

<http://www.accelerationnation.com/homepage.html>



Summer is a time of fun in the sun - but a dangerous hazard lurks in the shadows: the infamous summer slide!

Summer slide is the term used to describe the academic loss that kids suffer as they take a break from school during the summer months. But fear not, **ReadWriteThink.org** can help make your child's time off school filled with reading and writing opportunities that are both educational and fun.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/bright-ideas/#>

Family Education Stop the Summer Brain Drain!

<http://school.familyeducation.com/summer/cognitive-processes/38453.html>

Summer Learning Guides for Grades K-6: Get Ready for Back-to-School

Make sure that your child is prepared for the new school year with these packets of fun activities and skill-builders. Each activity has been selected to draw on prior knowledge and is a sneak peek of what he or she will learn in the next grade. Each packet includes summer reading suggestions, tips for cold and flu prevention, worksheets for improving grade-appropriate math and spelling skills, critical thinking activities for each subject, and other activities to enjoy and learn from over the summer.

<http://school.familyeducation.com/preparing-for-back-to-school/summer-learning/62428.html>

25 Activities to Keep Kids' Brains Active in Summer

As students set out on summer adventures, send their parents a much-needed "life preserver" -- a list of 25 activities to share and enjoy with their children. These fun activities cover all subjects and grades; there truly is something for everyone. And, if you have your own summer adventurers at home, this list can rescue your kids from the boredom and blahs of rainy summer days. This year, do more than amuse and entertain your kids and hope for the best for your students, keep their minds working all summer long!

http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev073.shtml



Summer Learning for Educators

COURSERA

Coursera is an education platform that partners with top universities and organizations worldwide, to offer courses online for anyone to take, for free. Discover a course and sign up today. Choose from hundreds of courses created by the world's top educational institutions. Courses are open to anyone, and learning is free.

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

3 Digital Reading Challenges for Educators this Summer

Instead of reading in whatever manner you would traditionally use, I'd like to suggest three digital reading challenges. You never know -- it could give you a number of strategies to better support your students in the fall.

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/digital-reading-challenges-for-summer-beth-holland>

Summer Reading for Teachers TeacherVision

Looking for a great book to read at the beach or for several to recommend to your summer book club? Check out this slideshow of fiction and non-fiction books. It contains summer reading suggestions for teachers who are interested in reading for pleasure or professional development. Each novel has an accompanying literature guide that can be adapted for book groups or classroom instruction.

<https://www.teachervision.com/reading/gallery/65670.html>

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