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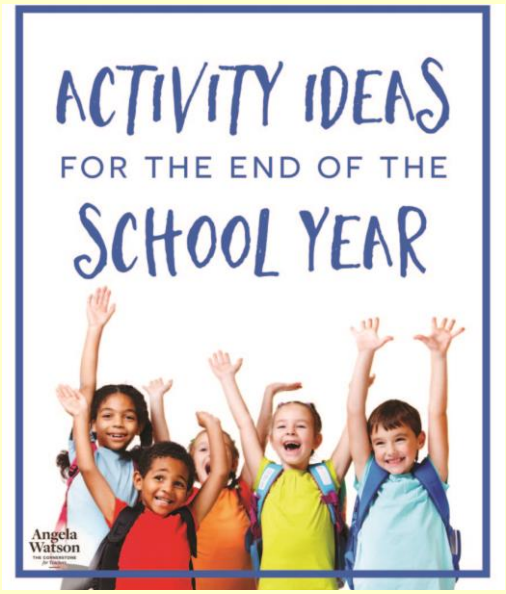

https://thecornerstoneforteachers.com/ending-the-year/

A Powerful Way to End the School Year

One strategy that teachers enjoy using at the end of the school year is a practical, easy-to-use tool we call Celebrating Learning With Year Mapping. This activity gives your current students a chance to feel good about what they've learned and provides incoming students an opportunity to see real evidence that they can be successful learners in the coming school year. And it gives teachers a chance to enjoy seeing students share what they've learned and to internalize their successful teaching.

Several elements of this strategy make it a powerful way to end the school year with a positive experience, often much needed after testing is over and as a busy year comes to an end. With prompted recall, each student can remember learning events that mean the most to them. Year-end mapping utilizes the power of positive teacher-student relationships as well as personalized learning, summarizing, group learning, and organizing information graphically.

30 End-of-Year Assignments and Activities for Every Grade

37 Awesome End of the Year Activities

The last few weeks of school are a great time to do some of the those fun enrichment activities that you may have had to put off in order to fit in all that is required. Make some memories, get outside, and start thinking about the long days of summer ahead.

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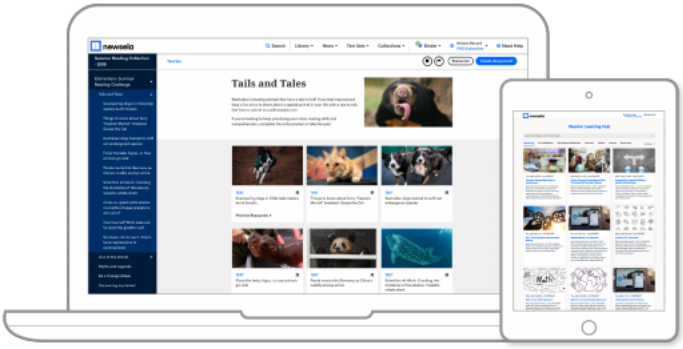
Summer Challenge 2019

Join the Challenge

This summer, Newsela is hosting a challenge both students and teachers can take part in to help their schools win prizes. To earn points throughout the summer, students can read articles about their favorite topics and teachers can complete virtual professional learning options.

Based on student and teacher participation, schools enrolled in the Summer Challenge with **Newsela PRO School Licenses will be eligible to win a $2,500 technology grant and individual classrooms enrolled in the challenge with Newsela PRO Teacher Licenses will be eligible to win a $250 technology grant.**

The more points your school earns between June 1 and September 1, the higher your chance to win!



Enroll your class, school, or district here by June 1st

Reading Topics

Elementary School

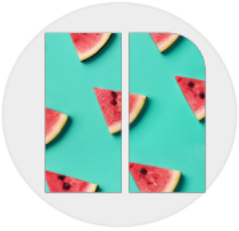
- Tails and Tales
- Out of this World!
- Be a Change Maker
- Uncovering Mysteries!
- Myths and Legends

Middle School

- It's a Strange World!
- The Power of Pop Culture
- Should You be Gaming?
- Music Makes the World Go Round!
- Teens & Tech

High School

- What is Happening in the World?
- Activist Artists
- Transforming the World through Technology
- Healthy, Happy, Social, Active
- Next Stop, College and Careers!
- Video Games: A Social Good or Evil
- Saving Our Planet



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The district has been enrolled. Summer Challenge 2019 packet attached to Tech Bytes email.

How to Beat the Summer Slide

https://blog.allaboutlearningpress.com/summer-slide/

The summer slide is a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn't in session.Numerous studies show that kids who don't read during summer vacation actually slip in reading ability by the time autumn rolls around.

Here's the secret to preventing the summer slide: Keep learning all summer long. Provide learning opportunities throughout the summer to keep kids' academic skills sharp. Want to keep your child's reading and spelling skills sharp over the summer? Check out the blog posts, free downloads, and review materials at **All About Learning Press** and say goodbye to the summer slide forever.

Beating Summer Slide

https://academy.act.org/summer-slide-educator/

We've all heard the statistics: students may experience up to 2 months of learning loss during the summer months. There are many summer learning options, but many of them are costly and not affordable for all students.
Using ACT Academy, which is completely free, students can stay on top throughout the summer and have a strong start when they head back to school in the fall!

How to Prevent the Summer Slide—and Turn Brain Drain to Brain Gain

https://www.idtech.com/blog/prevent-summer-learning-loss

40 Ways to Prevent the Summer Slide

https://b-inspiredmama.com/summer-slide-prevention/

How to Beat the SUMMER SLIDE

Have your child read for at least **20 minutes** every day.

Spend time **cooking** together.

Explore different kinds of **reading material** like picture books, chapter books, and magazines.

Make use of your **local library**.

Listen to **audio books** on summer car trips.

Read aloud with your children daily.

Review skills with fun, hands-on review activities.

Engage in **meaningful conversation** and help build your child's vocabulary.

Enjoy a **new hobby**!

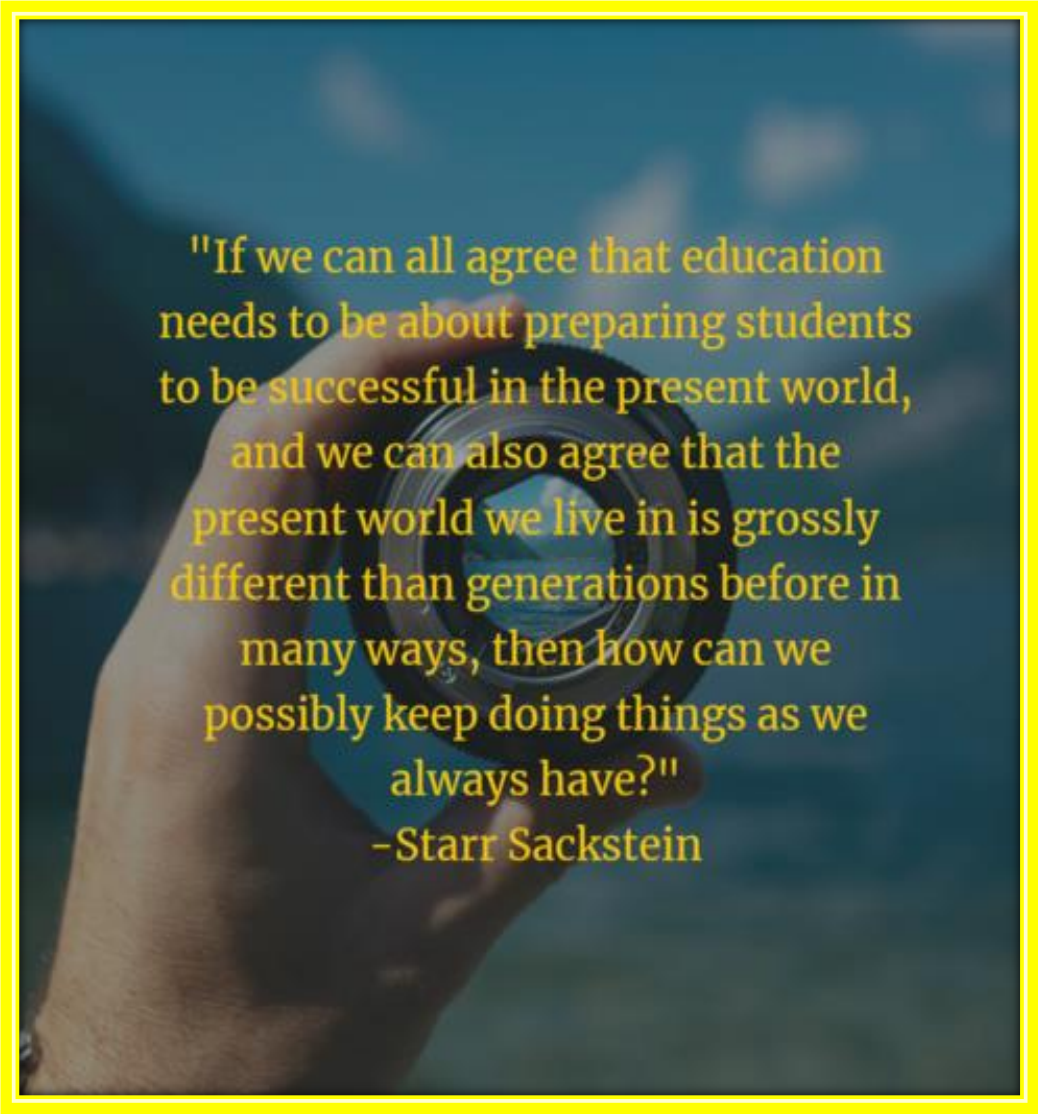
Learn more about these great ideas at
http://blog.AllAboutLearningPress.com/summer-slide

All About Learning Press

https://educationcloset.com/2018/05/01/end-of-school-organization-tips/

15 Online "Camps" Fill Kids' Summer with Learning Adventures

From outdoor exploration to summer enrichment to computer coding, online camps keep kids busy, learning, and having fun.



Get Ready for Summer! Ideas for Teachers to Share with Families

http://www.readingrockets.org/article/get-ready-summer-ideas-teachers-share-families#online

Reading Rockets has packed a "virtual beach bag" of activities for teachers to help families get ready for summer and to launch students to fun, enriching summertime experiences. Educators will find materials to download and distribute as well as ideas and resources to offer to students and parents to help ensure summer learning gain rather than loss

Fun and Free Summer Learning Resources

https://www.edutopia.org/blog/summer-learning-resources-matt-davis

https://educationcloset.com/2018/05/01/end-of-school-organization-tips/

https://fun-a-day.com/summer-activities-for-preschoolers/

https://www.pre-kpages.com/summer-learning-activities-preschool/

Summertime is a time of sun and fun! Children need time to run and play and enjoy themselves outside and inside. But you can work in some learning, too. Reading together, playing games, and exploring can be part of your summer fun and summer learning.

https://www.notsowimpyteacher.com/2017/05/end-of-year-tips-tricks-and-resources.html

Student Gifts You Can DIY for a Dollar (or Less)

It's the end of the year, and you want to do something for your students. But you don't want it to break the bank, right? We pulled together some end-of-year student gift ideas that you can DIY for a dollar or less a piece. This will give students something to remember their year by and it's a fun way to celebrate all their accomplishments.

https://www.weareteachers.com/dollar-diy-gifts/

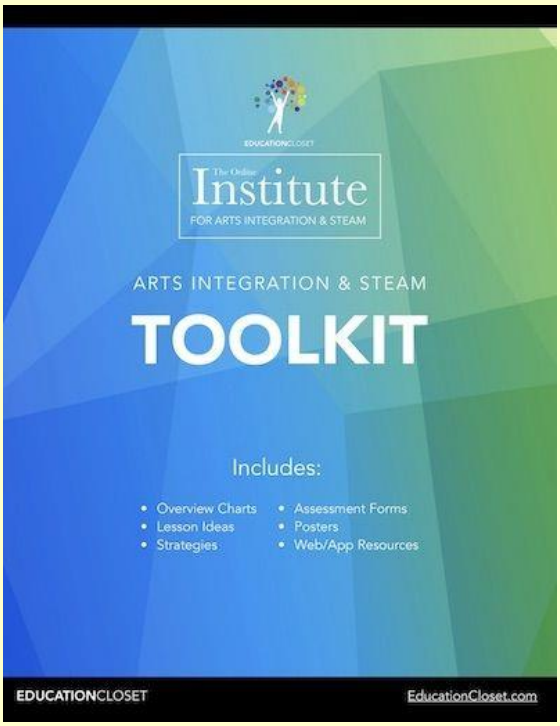
https://www.thecraftedsparrow.com/2016/05/30-end-year-class-gift-ideas.html

https://www.controlaltachieve.com/2017/05/classroom-cleanup.html

Become a Microsoft Innovative Educator

https://education.microsoft.com/microsoft-innovative-educator-programs/mie

MIEs use Microsoft tools in the classroom and have learned the fundamentals of applying technology in education. This is the first step on an exciting journey of joining a professional network of enthusiastic educators who come together to learn, share, and grow. Learn how you can earn points to become an MIE.



https://s3.amazonaws.com/EducationCloset/toolkit.pdf

Online Tools for 2019

Summer is the perferct time to learn an online tools for teaching and learning.
https://blogs.umass.edu/onlinetools/2019-new-tools/

The #1 comprehensive list of more than 150 educational technology badges & certifications available for educators!
https://www.edtechcertifications.com/

https://blog.stem-supplies.com/

Summer Learning

Don't let your kids forget all they've learned this year! Discover how to make learning a fun part of your everyday summer routine.
https://www.familyeducation.com/school-learning/summer-learning

https://inspiredbudget.com/25-free-or-inexpensive-summer-activities/

Coding in K-8 Classrooms:Empowering A New Generation of Creators

"Coding is today's language of creativity.
All our children deserve a chance to
become creators instead of consumers
of computer science."

- Mari- Maria Klawe

Computer Scientist, Scholar, and First Woman
President of Harvey Mudd Collegea Klawe

https://tomorrow.org/Speakup/downloads/BrainPOP%2018-19%20Coding%20Report.pdf

WEBINARS

edWeb.net
https://home.edweb.net/pd/

Personalized Professional Learning with edWeb

edWeb.net is a free professional learning network where educators can join online communities on innovative ideas and practices in education, attend live or recorded edWebinars, complete personal learning plans, and earn CE certificates towards PD hours. edWeb gives teachers, librarians, and administrators from preK-12 the widest choice of professional learning topics – so there is something for every educator!

edWebinars for June 2019

http://www.ascd.org/professional-development/webinars/ascd-webinar-archive.aspx

Take a cue from your summer assignments to students and create your own summer reading list—for professional learning!

- Discover new classroom strategies.
- Get smarter at assessment.
- Learn about your learners.
- Plan more engaging lessons.
- Prepare for a successful year.
- Find leadership inspiration.

http://www.ascd.org/professional-development/summer-reading-list.aspx

https://educationcloset.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-summer-reading-list.pdf

Portrait of a Turnaround Principal

https://www.edutopia.org/article/portrait-turnaround-principal

What does it take to turn a low-performing school around? A principal finds success by focusing on both love and high expectations.

Building a Professional Learning Network as an Education Leader

Leadership is a choice, and not one that should be made lightly. With this choice comes a great deal of responsibility to initiate and sustain change that will lead to a transformed school culture. Learning has been, and always will be, a pivotal component of this process. With time always being in short demand, education leaders must be on the forefront of leading the learning themselves if that is what they expect of others. Basically, we get what we model. Outside of instruction, there is not a more important leadership quality that successful and effective administrators must focus on. Quite simply, the best leaders are always learning. Learning is the fuel of leadership. Read more…..