



Happy Summer! Summer is the perfect time to dive into some fun, engaging learning activities and we've rounded up some AWESOME outside-the-box resources for you that includes reading, math, STEAM, writing, DIY projects and more! How about a virtual field trip – check! A summer of DIY projects – check! Writing activities, and STEAM fun – check and check! Below you will find a list of optional activities that you may complete over our summer break. Our goal is for you to enjoy these activities as a family and grow closer to Jesus! We are praying for you.

God bless!

Your PCA family

*“For God so love the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

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- \*Math Fact Practice [www.timestables.com](http://www.timestables.com)
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- STEM Lab Enrichment...from a biblical perspective.

Hey kids! You will love what you find on the Answers in Genesis Kids' pages. These are wonderful! You will discover all kinds of answers to questions about God's world in the Kids' Answers Magazine. You will also find many great videos about creation, animals, dinosaurs and more. One of the best parts to the website are ALL of the activities you will find and, even more, the many science experiments you will discover. So check out all of the incredible activities and information at <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/>.
- **Grade: All Art E-learning- A List of Summer Activities!**

Create and keep a summer drawing journal!



This art journal was made with brown construction paper, but you can use a brown grocery bag and printer paper. One idea for your cover is to use images from magazines to fill-in a shape of your choice (like the example above). This journal is for art making, drawing collaging and writing as well. It will be a therapeutic process and interesting to look back at your journal at the end of summer, and when your older. Make sure to date each page and know this journal will not be collected or graded this is for you to explore your own creativity.



**Physical Education-** Family Fitness Trip- Our distance traveled (walking, running, biking, swimming, cutting the grass, golf) all adds up to a “great

number”. **Challenge-** As a family, pick a trip destination and the mileage (example- Canton to Mackinaw is about 290 miles). During the summer, keep track of every family member’s fitness mileage. Use odometers, fitness apps., pedometers, GPS or predetermined distances. Create a large map, which includes a distance (miles) scale. During the summer-track your progress towards your destination goal. Have a “reward-party” when you reach your destination (Mackinaw fudge ice cream). Pick a destination that is reasonable, but challenging to your family. **Personal Testimony-** Between 1973-1998- Mr. Bauslaugh (veteran marathon runner) ran over 50,000 miles. He kept track in a log and on a globe sending him twice around the earth. Please share your results with us at the end of the summer. Have fun and be safe!

## Home Base

Reading 20 minutes a day is key to beating the summer slide and with Scholastic, kids can build their avatar, make new friends, earn virtual rewards, and keep “reading streaks” in Scholastic **Home Base** when they read every day over the summer! This free program is open to readers of all ages. Click here for home base: [Scholastic Home Base](#)

## Space Rangers!

A book based science adventure and tool kit – FREE!. You’re just a click away from exploring reading, playing, inventing, building and learning — all about stars, our solar system, and space exploration. Get started today: [Space Rangers](#)

## Hoopla

If you have a library card from a participating library, you can use [Hoopla](#) to borrow audiobooks, comics, TV shows and ebooks on a variety of platforms. You can download them or stream immediately. Have some Hoopla fun this summer!

## Tutor.com

If your student needs a helping hand in schoolwork (or needs to hear from someone that isn’t their parent) [Tutor.com](#) is available 24/7 to help with test prep, homework and learning from home assignments. Just what the doctor ordered!

## Edutopia

Edutopia offers some interactive and engaging ideas to continue learning throughout the summer months: Explore with virtual field trips, Get creative with DIY Projects, Read, read, read! Practice writing with prompts and starters and more. Click here to get started: [Edutopia](#)

### **Audible Free Books**

Libraries may be closed, but [Audible](#) has a great selection of free stories for students of all ages to listen to and their website states these will be available “For as long as schools are closed, we’re open.” The stories are available for streaming on phones, computers and Alexa.

### **Coding Websites & Apps**

When we can sneak learning into fun apps and games we feel we are winning as parents. Coding is “cool” and there are so many options for age-appropriate ways to learn to code. This website has over 40 free options for your kiddos, ranging from toddlers to teens. The [LegoBoost](#) and [Coding Safari](#) are some options we’ve tried and recommend.

### **Typing Resources**

Maybe you’ve discovered that your children are not really good typists. [TypingClub](#) is a free option to help your student learn to navigate the keyboard, which will reduce frustration for everyone in your house.

### **NOAA Webinar**

For the next generation of scientists, meteorologists or oceanographers, check out this [webinar series](#). They started mid-March (but were all recorded!) and will run through mid-June each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11am ET. Topics include getting prepared for hurricane season, coral reef ecosystems and bringing big ships into port.

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### **Tour the White House**

If a trip to Washington, D.C. was on your summer list, it doesn't have to be a complete wash. Thanks to Google Arts & Culture, White House tours are now available to everyone! There are three online exhibits which allow you to virtually tour the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the Art and Decor of both the ground floor and the state floor of the White House. [Check out all the options and exhibits.](#)

### **More Virtual Field Trips!**

A trip to the Colosseum in Rome? A behind-the-scenes look at the Hershey's factory? Curious students will find a lot to explore in these virtual field trips and tours featured by eSchool News. [10 of the Best Virtual Field Trips:](#)

### **15 Picture Books to Reassure Your Student about School Reopening**

<https://www.thoughtco.com/childrens-picture-books-about-starting-school-627520>

### **Right Now Media**

**Miss Marnise shares how to stay organized and learning ALL SUMMER LONG!**

<https://www.plymouthchristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Setting-Your-Child-up-for-Success.pdf>

### **Writing Prompts Galore!**

For your aspiring writers, check out this 70+ idea list to get the ideas flowing and the adventures growing! Your next great piece is just a click away. [Writing Prompts](#)

**We just couldn't help ourselves – here are a few more!**

- “Eat” some [Banana Splits](#): a game with compound words.
- Have fun with [Word Flippers](#) while practicing reading and spelling skills.
- Try some of these great ways to review [reading word cards](#) and [spelling word cards](#).
- Practice reading and spelling words with our [Drag Race Review Game](#).
- Check out this [treasure trove of pirate-themed reading and spelling activities](#).  
*Arrrr!*

- Try these [19 Activities for Kinesthetic Learning](#) for learning that sticks!
- Match up the [Baby Animal Names](#) with this matching activity.
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