

**New resources
added for 2023!**

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Fun ways to prevent "summer
slide" and keep your child
learning all summer long!

A collection of Olmsted Falls Teacher-
Approved Ideas for Grades K-5



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Fun and Easy Ways to Keep Your Child Learning All Summer Long (without them even knowing it!)

According to Scholastic.com, "The concept of the summer slide has been on researchers' radar since at least 1996 when one of the first comprehensive studies on the phenomenon was published. The study showed that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which tends to have a snowball effect as they experience subsequent skill loss each year. A more recent study of children in 3rd to 5th grades also showed that students lost, on average, about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent of their school-year gains in math during summer break."

"Summer Slide" refers to the academic regression that some students may experience over the summer.

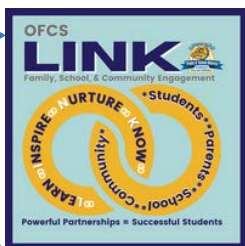
Research shows that:

- Learning and achievement are perishable.
- The average student loses a month of academic-calendar learning each summer.
- The impact of the summer slide contributes to a more pronounced achievement gap.
- There is a link between socioeconomic status and the loss of reading skills experienced over the summer.
- Students see greater academic dips in math than in reading.

The National Summer Learning Association says, "Summer is a time for fun, for exploration, and yes, for learning - but in different ways from the traditional school year. When kids continue learning during the summer, they are healthier, safer, and more prepared for the school year ahead." So, how can parents, schools, and the community provide opportunities for students to reinforce skills and bridge the gap between summer and fall while still having fun? Because as your children will probably remind you...

Summer is SUPPOSED to be FUN!

This year, we asked teachers "What is one thing that a child entering your classroom in the fall should know and be able to do?" Their answers are short and sweet...and easy to work on over the summer. You'll also find other resources here for things to do that are not only FUN, but packed with opportunities for your child to learn. The guide contains active links to most resources mentioned, but all are easily found on Google.



Are you ready to SLIDE INTO SUMMER? LET'S GO!
Julianne Allen, Family Engagement & Communication Specialist
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Reading Resources



LISTEN TO YOUR LIBRARIAN!

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) creates reading lists for children's librarians to share with patrons. Parents and caregivers can use the lists to explore books that may spark their child's interest. Check them out here:

Birth-PreK

Kindergarten-Grade 2

Grades 3-5



Find your next favorite book at **Bookopolis** - a kid-friendly social network and book discovery tool designed to ignite a love of reading in elementary and middle school students. It's kind of like Goodreads made just for kids.



Quick Teacher Tips from Scholastic for Getting Kids Into A Summer Reading Routine

1. **Keep a loose schedule.** Don't force kids to read at a certain time of day...just ask for 15-20 minutes where you can fit it in.
2. **Don't present reading as a chore!** Let kids see YOU reading for fun and model that behavior for them. Sit together while you read your book, and they read theirs.
3. **Read outside.** Under a tree, at the beach, in the grass...anywhere without distractions (and WiFi!)
4. **Role reversal.** Have your kids read to you! Bonus- you'll get an idea of how they are doing with fluency and comprehension.
5. **Make summer reading a shared family experience.** For older kids, find a book that everyone in the family can read together and discuss at your own family book club.
6. **Dive into a new series.** This trick works every time! Once kids find an author or series they like...they'll want to read more and more. This works for adults too!


CCPL SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Cuyahoga County Public Library's 2023 Youth Summer Reading Challenge is HERE! This year's theme is "All Together Now" (Ages Birth-11)

The program runs from Jun 3, 2023 - Aug 13, 2023. Kids can track their reading progress for entries to win great prizes. Registration is REQUIRED! Visit [cuyahogalibrary.org](https://cuyahogalibrary.org/srp)



Reading Resources



INFOhio has a digital library for all ages, and a special summer learning section!

Check out the Ultimate Summer Reading Guide on [Scholastic.com](https://www.scholastic.com) for a list of summer reading books by age (and a whole lot more!)

Find the Reading Level of Books with Ease!

According to Reading Rockets, The Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) is a series of leveled books and recording sheets designed to allow teachers to determine students' reading accuracy, fluency, and comprehension levels. Texts range from A-80 (A being the easiest). In most schools, teachers collect DRA information at the end of each grading period to determine student progress. Students are determined to be near, at, or above grade level, below grade level, or significantly below grade level based on their performance.

Looking for a specific reading level? Try the "Level It Books" app to easily find books at the level you are looking for.



Use the Reading Rockets Book Finder tool to create your own customized list of fiction and nonfiction books. Search through more than 5,000 books on Reading Rockets — by author, illustrator, age, genre, format, topic, diversity focus, and country.



What should my child know and be able to do?



"Make sure you read with your child over the summer! And know your math facts!" Mrs. Atkins, OFIS, 5th Grade

"Students need to be able to keep their hands to themselves and not blurt out in class." Mrs. Connelly, OFIS, 4th Grade



"Students should be able to demonstrate self-control with their voice and body." -Mr. Mieyal, Falls-Lenox, 1st & 2nd Grade Intervention



"Math is so much easier when you know your multiplication facts!" Mrs. Hawk, OFIS, 5th Grade Intervention

"Students should know the names of letters and their sounds." Mrs. Flores, Falls-Lenox, 1st Grade

"Skills required vary based on the needs of the student- but speech sounds, language skills, and communication skills are all important to practice." -Mrs. Holecko, Falls-Lenox, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades Speech, ESL, Reading Tutor

"Students should know how to follow directions." Miss Drvenkar, Falls-Lenox, 1st & 2nd Grade intervention

What should my child know and be able to do?

**"Pick a topic to write about!" -Mrs. Cieker,
Falls-Lenox, 2nd Grade**

**"Getting along and working
with others!" -Mrs. Richmond-
Smith, Falls-Lenox, 3rd Grade**



**"Follow one-step,
adult given
directions." -Mrs.
Pinzone, ECC,
Kindergarten**

**"Keep reading over the
summer!"- Mrs. Statz,
Falls-Lenox, 2nd Grade**

**"Solve for a missing number in an addition or
subtraction equation within 12." Miss Roberts,
Falls-Lenox, 2nd & 3rd Grade Intervention**

**"Read a DRA (Developmental
Reading Assessment) level 3 or 4
text independently." - Miss
Daugherty, Falls-Lenox, 1st Grade**



**"TIE THEIR SHOES!" - Mrs.
Herman, Falls-Lenox, 2nd Grade
& Mrs. Crock, ECC & OFIS**

**"Identify long vs short vowel
sounds." -Miss Roberts,
Falls-Lenox, 2nd & 3rd
Grade Intervention**

**"Be fluent in addition math facts!"
-Mrs. Stovicek, Falls-Lenox, 3rd Grade**



KNOW YOUR NUMBERS! MATH PRACTICE RESOURCES

Check out [KrazyDad](#) for printable math puzzles, mazes, Sudoku, and more!

The Math Contest offers a daily math problem to solve, and a weekly elementary brain teaser. Earn points and compete against other mathletes while using your noodle!

[Khan Academy](#) has interactive challenges and assessments, as well as thousands of practice questions for students to complete. Check out the "[Get Ready For...](#)" courses to brush up on your math skills prior to the next grade.

YOUR KIDS KNOW THESE!
PRODIGY Math & English Game Portal (Grades 1-5)
STARFALL Math, Language Arts, Music (PreK-3)
ABCYA Math, Language Arts (PreK-5)



Participate in an online math tournament with [Perennial Math](#)!

Math & Movement offers some fabulous ideas for getting off the couch and taking math skills outside! Try hula hoop addition, a chalk number line run, a find and count bug hunt, and MORE!

What should my child know and be able to do?

"Have a willingness to learn new things!"- Mrs. Wallace, Falls-Lenox, Music Teacher



"Know how to line up and walk quietly." - Miss Smith, Falls-Lenox, 1st Grade

"Know how to write their name." -Miss Smith, Falls-Lenox, 1st Grade

"Read books for enjoyment!"- Mrs. Richmond-Smith, Falls-Lenox, 3rd Grade

Every morning for the 2023-2024 school year, I hope all the students enter the ECC having a happy disposition, are eager to learn, show kindness to each other and say hello/good morning to peers & staff. -Mrs. DeMuth, ECC, Kindergarten Mod/Intensive Teacher

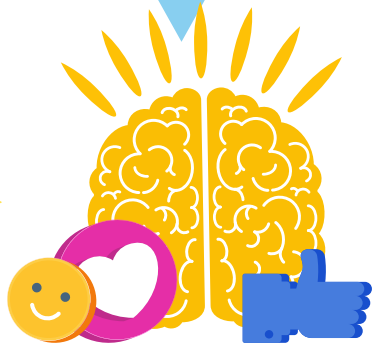


"Students should know how to sit quietly and respectfully for 15 minutes or more." -Mrs. Schiely, Falls-Lenox, 1st Grade

"Identify which letters are vowels and which letters are consonants."- Miss Roberts, Falls-Lenox, 2nd & 3rd Grade Intervention

"READ! Summer is the perfect time to make reading fun and enjoyable for kids."- Mrs. Rokas, OFIS, 4th & 5th Grade Speech, ESL & Reading Tutor

Connect with Special Kids



Counselor Chelsey has free resources for supporting social/emotional needs, mindfulness, coping skills, empathy, social challenges, and more.

With the Wunder App, parents/caregivers can connect with other parents/caregivers, receive support from experts, join support groups, find resources, and more...in a SAFE environment. The best part? This is all FREE! To sign up, visit the link below.

Wunder

Time4Learning has loads of summer activity ideas for kids with special needs.

Understood.org has many resources to help families and their children who think and learn differently.

Centervention has 75 Free Social/Emotional Learning Activities to practice communication, cooperation, emotion regulation, and more.

Visit Connecting for Kids to find adapted library programs focusing on literacy, learning, and social interactions.



What should my child know and be able to do?

"Know their letter sounds!"- Miss Smith, Falls-Lenox, 1st Grade

"Know how to add and subtract within 20."- Mrs. Browning, Falls-Lenox, 2nd & 3rd Grade Intervention



"Cutting activities, drawing, letter sounds, counting, waiting (raising a hand, taking turns, standing in line, etc.)"- Mrs. Kley, ECC, Kindergarten

"Say hello to students and staff when walking by them or upon entering a room, and when asked, "How are you?" the students should know to answer and then follow up with, "And how are you?""- Mrs. Harb, OFIS, 4th Grade



"Write a complete sentence with a capital letter and an end mark."- Mrs. Barylski and Mrs. Eidam, OFIS, 4th Grade



"Kindergarten art students should know how to hold a pencil to draw. They should also be able to hold scissors properly to cut (thumb always on top and scissors always pointing away from body)." - Mrs. Krakowiak, Art Teacher, ECC & OFIS



Thank you to these K-5 Olmsted Falls teachers who took the time to contribute to this guide, and thank you to ALL staff of OFCS for making this year a great one! Enjoy your summer!

**Mrs. Flores
Mrs. Hawk
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Mrs. Holecko
Mrs. Cieker
Mrs. Herman
Miss Roberts
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Mrs. Richmond-Smith
Mrs. Eidam
Mrs. Harb**

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Mrs. Schiely
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Mrs. Wallace
Mrs. Rokas
Miss Smith
Mrs. Pojman
Mrs. Barylski
Miss Daugherty
Mrs. Kley
Mrs. DeMuth
Mrs. Krakowiak**



THANK YOU

Looking for more tips on what to expect next school year? Check out [School Success Guides](#) by grade level from Scholastic to help your child prepare for what's next.

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