



Happy Summer!

Summertime choice activities!

Directions:

These are some **optional choice activities** in all subject areas. We hope you find some you enjoy!

Happy summer, and have fun!

Reading & Writing

- Challenge yourself to **read in different ways!** How many different places you can find to read in one week? How many people can you read to in one week?
- Write an **email to tell your teacher about one of your favorite books** that you read recently or about a favorite magazine. Include Favorite Book by _ _ _ _ in the subject line. Your teacher will write you back to tell you a favorite children's book that they have enjoyed recently.
- Ask an adult or older sibling to create a **treasure hunt** for you. Read the clues to find your treasure. Now, it's your turn to create a treasure hunt for someone else.
- Ask your parent(s) for junk mail. Cut out 12 words. **Sort the words.** How did you sort them? Can they be sorted another way?
- **July 10 is National Teddy Bear Picnic Day.** Set up a picnic for you and your fuzzy friend. Read to your bear.
- **Opinion Writing**-Would you rather ride in a hot air balloon or a submarine? Why?
- Writing-Imagine that you have a pair of **magic flip flops.** What would they look like? What special powers would they give you? Where would they take you?
- **Be a Teacher!** Read a nonfiction book. Make a poster showing 3 or more facts that you learned and use it to teach your family.

Sight Word Practice

Click [here](#) for a list of fun activities to practice sight words!

Click [here](#) for the list of first grade sight words.

Click [here](#) for the list of second grade sight words. Start practicing if you want to!

Math

- **Get Cooking with Math!** Make some recipes and notice the different fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$ (half) and $\frac{1}{4}$ (fourth) when using measuring cups, tablespoons and teaspoons. Compare the sizes of each. What other fractions do you see?
- **Telling time to 5 minutes!** Get ready for 2nd grade with this video! [Telling time video](#) [Telling time song video](#) Do time checks throughout the day to see if you can tell the time (on an analog standard clock).
- **Name Value!** Write the letters a-z on paper. Starting with 1 for a, go in order and give each letter a value (b=2, c=3, d=4 and so on). When every letter has a value, look at your name and add up each letter's value to find the total sum. Try it with other people's names. (example: Ben would be $2+5+14=21$)
- **Cloud Watching!** Do some cloud watching! What shapes do the clouds remind you of? Can you describe what you see using your math vocabulary for shape attributes?
- **Hopscotch!** Use sidewalk chalk to draw a hopscotch course and practice skip counting by 2's, 5's, or 10's as you hop!
- **Shape Museum:** Create a shape museum. You can find things in your home that are different 2D or 3D shapes. Be a tour guide and explain the different shape attributes to a family member!
- **Number Line Addition:** Draw a number line with chalk. Toss two bean bags or rocks on numbers and add them together.

Science

- Can sound **make sprinkles dance**? Here is an experiment to try at home.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9lvcwZFx9s>
- Visit <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/videos/animal-showdown/>. Predict which animals will win the **Animal Showdowns**. Watch the showdowns. How did you do?
- Go on an **evening walk** with an adult. What **light sources** do you spot? If you want to record your light sources, click below.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RJ71ykZeZRDc3Sr_1MVi9piGzw9leVXe1510Zd7ceQ0/edit?usp=sharing
- Put on a **hand shadow play**! First, set up your "stage" with a flashlight shining on a wall. Then, grab a family member or two, create characters, and tell a story!
- What is your **favorite animal**? Should your animal be kept as a pet? Write 3 reasons why or why not.
- Use magazines, newspapers, and pictures printed from the computer. Cut out pictures to create a **collage of different animal adaptations**.
- **Plant something** outside and/or help take care of a garden. **Record observations**, such as how the plant does in the light, when it needs water, how it changes, etc.

Social Studies

- Write 3 questions you could ask people about their jobs. **Interview 3 people who have different jobs**
- Create your own **Native American Rattle** or **Native American Rainstick**.
<https://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/na/rattle/>
<https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/diy-rain-stick-craft/>
- Create a brochure to **advertise your community**. Why should people come visit?
- **Make a Map!** Here are two ideas:
 - Make a map of a room in your house. Don't forget to include a map key and compass!
 - Create a treasure. Hide it. Make a map to find the treasure
- **Make a Flag:** Design a flag for your school or your family. What colors will you include and why? What other symbols will you include on the flag?
- What is a service job? Write a **thank you note to someone who does a service job**.
- Create **3 clues for a job** then ask someone to try to guess the job.
 - Example-Riddle-I wear a uniform. My job is very hot. 1 tool I use is a hose. What am I? A Firefighter

Challenge Activities

- Choose an **animal to research**. Using a song with a familiar tune, write your own words to tell about the adaptations that help the animal you selected survive.
- [Me on the Map](#)-- Find out about your world and print out the pages you want to make a book about YOU on the MAP!
- July is "**National Ice Cream Month**." First, describe your favorite flavor of ice cream. Next, create a new flavor of ice cream. What ingredients are in your favorite flavor? What name will you give your ice cream?
- Informational Writing-June is **National Safety Month**. Create a brochure for your classmates that details at least four safety rules.
- **Super Sequel!** Read a fiction book and then write another book about what might happen to the characters in the next story. (Toy Story, Toy Story 2, etc.)
- **Cents to a Dollar:** How many combinations of coins can you think of to make \$1? Remember, 100 cents equals 1 dollar!
- **Hidden Fish:** Can you find the hidden fish? Click [here](#) to try!
- **Become a Number Master!** Write the numbers from 1-1000!
- **Make a 3D Shape Creature!** Click [here](#) to try it out!