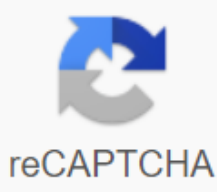




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Summer reading projects for high school

Engaging Summer Reading Resources for PreK-12 One advantage of summer was that every day we had more light to read of. - Jeannette Walls, The Glass Castle. What is a better feeling than curling up with a book in the shade of a big tree in summer and escaping into another world? Share my lesson is here to help you engage children on the joys of reading, and we've curated this special collection to not only pique interest, but help avoid the much dreaded summer slide. From book lists to engaging reading and writing activities for all ages, abilities and backgrounds, these free summer reading activities and resources will help students stay engaged in learning during the long break and reinvigorate a love of reading. Summer reading: Did you know? Students who participated in public library summer reading programs also displayed higher reading performance than students who did not attend. The study suggests that children participating in public library summer programs increased their literacy, motivation, confidence and enjoyment. Why should we keep students reading during the summer holidays? Watch these to get started: Scholastic: Kids & Family Reading Report American Educator Summer 2020 See all Summer of Learning resources. Every year the high school community participates in a summer reading program. Students, faculty and staff usually choose a book from four options that helps the high school community start thinking about our annual Odyssey trip. Along with reading, students process their ideas by creating and sharing response projects ranging from art to research papers and short cartoons to scientific endeavors. But this year James Quillin and Jamie Lee found another way for the community to have a shared experience over the summer while trying to build community as we prepared for a year without our Odyssey trip. They chose the book The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles That Fuel Success and Performance at Work by Shawn Achor. Senior Charlie M. explains the book this way: Achor deals with three main topics throughout The Happiness Advantage. Many students noticed that the author consistently reminds readers that the author went to Harvard. Mixed with these reminders, he argues that the conventional wisdom of success first, happiness second is false; and in the same way he rewrites this wisdom and creates a path to success that leads with joy. Often happiness feels out of our control. Happiness Advantage, however, gives the reader seven principles to follow that are scientifically proven to lead to a happier self. Tenth grade: Sara A. For my creative response, I decided to paint the night and sunset on two different canvases, which are connected by a tree. This painting is a representation of the fourth principle: The Tetris Effect. The Tetris effect is when we train our brains to see both negative and positive, which is the best way to enjoy everything that life throws at us. For this reason, the night and sunset are connected by a tree to show that together they make a beautiful painting. Eleventh Grade: Cidette R. Shawn Achor writes about how having a positive attitude can bring more palatable results in any situation. For my answer to The Happiness Advantage, I wanted to perform a science-like test. I asked if having an external positive attitude would change how I interact with bees when I bike. I approached the hive a few different ways, including once with compliments and great memories. In my short study, I found I was only stung six times when I approached with compliments and fond memories, compared to the eight to twelve plugs I usually receive. Twelfth grade: Charlie M. For my response project, I tested all seven principles for two weeks to find out who worked best. At the end I found that maintaining strong friendships, utilizing Zorro Circle, and finding things to look forward to (a strategy within the first principle) made me the happiest and most motivated to work. Summer will be here before we know it! Summer reading activities are important to keep newly acquired skills fresh and get a jump start on the new school year. Here are some awesome summer reading ideas and activities that will keep kids engaged this summer. Best of all, they are all fun! Choose one that looks like a good fit, or you can combine a few of them to create a learning season. The ideas are great for summer classes or for recommending for families. All resources are free unless specified. Summer Reading Ideas Let's start by reading projects, camps and series to keep kids busy learning and growing. 1. BOOK BASED SUMMER READING ACTIVITY CALENDARS Recommended ages: 3-7 Enjoy minimal prep and low-stress activities with your little ones this summer. Every week there is a new summer theme to enjoy. Four books are featured on the subject and five different activities to do together. Everything is delivered in monthly calendar format. There are also other printable resources included all for only \$3. Click here for full details: BOOK BASED SUMMER READING ACTIVITY CALENDARS 2. SUPERHERO SUPER FUN SUMMER READING Recommended ages: 3-8 Have a superhero filled summer. Lots of weekly activities to do based on a super read-aloud title. This is the perfect project if you are looking for hands-on ideas to do with the kids connected to great books. Check out all the Superhero Summer Fun Reading Series! 3. LIBRARY ADVENTURE CHALLENGES Recommended ages: All this is low stress and easy! Nine super fun challenges to find new books in the library. You can do the challenges in any order and as often as you like during the summer. Just click here to see Challenges! 4. THE LARGE LIBRARY SUMMER CHALLENGE Recommended ages: 3 and up If you want to kick it up a notch and complete even more library challenges, you will want to check out a joint project created by What Do We Do All Day? and No Twiddle Twaddle. You will find fiction, non-fiction, and resource challenges. I love that they have two levels of challenges for each idea. You'll find one that's lighter and one that's advanced. Start your Great Library Summer Challenge in a week of your choosing. 5. ABC SUMMER BUCKET LIST Recommended ages: 2-8 Let the alphabet inspire your summer days. Every day there is an activity and book to enjoy together as a family. A is to make art outside and read I Ain't going to Paint No More! Check out all 26 ABC Summer Fun activities and books. 6. FAMILY DINNER BOOK CLUB Recommended ages: 4-8 and their family members Hold a Family Dinner Book Club every month during the summer. A new book is announced at the Growing Book by Book on 1 January. You enjoy reading the book with your family. Then try the theme menu, table decoration crafts, family service project and conversation starters to kick your dinner club! If you don't like the book being presented every month, you can always choose a previous title from the archives. There are over 50 book choices! 7. START WITH A BOOK: READ. Explore. Learn! Recommended ages: 3 and up Reading Rockets have some great summer resources with 24 themes to choose from this year. Select a theme book or books to read from the list. Then, enjoy choosing great activities, including writing activities, hands-on activities, site resources, and app-drafts. The themes to choose from include: The Night Sky, Art and Artists, Our Government, Detectives and Explorers and more! 8. VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB FOR KIDS Recommended Ages 2-8 Some very talented bloggers have designed fun activities based on books. You get resources full of ideas for different age groups. There are 3 weeks of activities you can work at your own pace. You can get summer virtual book club for kids for \$24.99. 9. HOP IN! FOR SUMMER LEARNING Recommended ages: 2-7 Royal Baloo and 3 Dinosaurs created themed printable activity packs to keep learning moving throughout the summer. The jump in! for Summer Learning themes are Space, Ocean, Beach, Dinosaur and Pioneer. The materials are multi-leveled and work well at different ages. There are literacy sheets and number work ready for download. You can also access summer resources from previous years too. 10. SUMMER SCIENCE SERIES Recommended Ages: 4 and up Summer Science Series is a joint project between KC Edventures and Inspiration Laboratories. You will find hands-on science ideas that have literacy tie-ins including book lists. Topics include biology, physics, ecology, geology, astronomy and chemistry. 11. READ IN 100 or READING CHALLENGE Recommended ages: all ages Instead of reading a certain number of books or a certain number of minutes, try to see how many different places you can read this summer. The measured mom has a fun 100 Places Challenge. Or take a fun reading challenge from Happy You Happy Family or Edventures With Kids mapping challenge with the books you read. 12. READING SCAVENGER HUNT Recommended Ages: All Encourage Reading a Variety of Books in Fun Places with Modern Parents Messy Kids' Reading Scavenger Hunt. Just print the map and you're ready to start on a reading adventure. Would you like to track how much the kids are reading this summer? Try one of these reading logs. 13. Summer reading goals from Curriculum Corner include reading logs, goal sheets, promises, and awards 14. Simple Since it has a beautiful reading log that would work well for kids who can write. 16. Read 100 books this summer and track your progress with this tracking chart from Teaching Mama. Reading books for pleasure is one of the best parts about summer reading. 17. Find books on a topic that interests your child. I have over 90 themed book lists for you to gather ideas! If your child needs a little external motivation to read, check out one of these reading reward programs sponsored by companies. (2020 Note: It's unclear whether Barnes and Noble and Chuck E. Cheese will run their programs this year.) 18. Barnes and Noble have a summer reading program where kids track the number of books they read to earn a free book. Also check out your local shop for summer story time options. 19. Chuck E. Cheese's offers 10 free tokens for kids who read every day. Simply print the reading calendar. Once your child has marked every day, take it to the restaurant to redeem. Check out your community businesses for more summer reading incentive programs. Finally, I must finish with my best summer reading tip. 21. Visit your local library (when they reopen) during the summer and take advantage of the many free summer deals shared to help promote a love of reading! Enjoy these summer reading ideas with kids this year. FacebookTwitterEmail FacebookTwitterEmail