



**SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING
WITH THE**

*Summer of Adventure
at the
Denver Public Library*

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR A
SUMMER LEARNING GUIDE
FROM DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP YOUR CHILD
PREPARED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!**





Summer Learning Guide

Grades 6th, 7th & 8th

Keep your child engaged, active and learning during the summer months.

School may be out for the summer but the learning doesn't stop. While there are many worthwhile summer camps, classes and programs in our community to keep your student engaged and learning over the summer, there are also many things you can do as a family to keep your students learning and practicing their thinking skills. Take an interest in your student's summer activities to ensure learning keeps on going. The following Reading, Writing, Math and Science fun activities can help you get started.

READING

- Plan a family experience after reading a book on the topic.
- Share reading materials from your native country or in your native language. You can gather these materials and create a scrapbook.
- Write your favorite family story. Illustrate it, and take turns reading it. Reflect on different stories and discuss different story telling styles.
- Take turns reading aloud while you read a variety of literacy materials such as food menus or recipes, bus schedules, and ads.
- After reading a book, provide an opportunity for the family to role play various scenes from the book.
- Use technology at your home or library to access e-books (iPod, iPad, iPhone, Smart Phone, Kindle etc.)

WRITING

- Treat yourself to a beautiful new journal or notebook. Record your thoughts and what you are doing this summer so that you never forget it! Buy a journal with no lines on the pages so you can draw and write.
- As soon as school is out, make a list of everywhere you want to go this summer. Continue adding to the list, and cross out the places you've visited.
- Start your own blog about your summer!
- Challenge yourself to write long messages to your friends and family on Facebook. Super challenge yourself to use correct punctuation, spelling and capitalization to keep yourself in shape!
- Research a vacation destination and write to the tourist board for information.

MATH

- Play mental math in the car. See how many you can get correct before you reach your destination.
- Use the odometer in the car to keep track of how many miles your family drives each day. Graph it!
- When you go to buy something at the store, calculate the sales tax and try to make exact change. See if you are correct!
- Predict the number of times a coin will land on heads if you flip a coin 100 times. Then, give it a try! Record your results in a table. Do this experiment a few times and compare your results.
- Have a lemonade stand! Figure out how much to charge for each cup in order to make a profit.
- Time yourself running one mile. Keep track of your time each week. Graph your progress and see your improvement.

SCIENCE

- Do science experiments with your child:
 - a. Make an egg float in salt water
 - b. Make Lemonade Fizzy Drink
 - c. Mixing oil and water
- Find a scientific article and have your child share a summary.
- As you drive, have your child find and define science words on the road.
- Visit the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.
- Take your child camping and talk about nature, and talk about why you cannot see the stars during the day or in the city.



Summer Learning Guide

Grades 4th & 5th

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The following Reading, Writing, Math and Science fun activities will give your children an opportunity to practice their thinking skills and increase their awareness of words, patterns and skills needed to be successful in school. These learning activities can be done at home or anywhere else. Try out a few of these fun activities each day or create your own!

READING

- Movie subtitles:** Turn on closed-captioning while you watch TV. Name the important characters and describe their personalities. Retell the story.
- Comic books and Graphic Novels:** Compare different heroes. What makes them heroes? Who do they save? Is there more than one character?
- Recipes:** Follow the directions and make something new! Write down new vocabulary.
- Magazines and the Internet:** Read about the earth, animals, plants, and famous people. How are animals and people the same? If plants disappeared, what would happen?
- Letters from family:** write letters to family members who do not live in Denver. Ask them to write back to you.

WRITING

- Write the grocery list each week.
- Write an episode of a favorite TV show with you in it.
- Research your favorite subject and create a presentation for your family.
- Write a list of chores for the week.
- Write about your favorite TV show. Tell why it is your favorite show?
- Write out the daily weather report and become your family's weather forecaster.
- Prepare questions for an interview. Interview someone and write the answers in a journal.
- Compare and contrast two TV shows, which is the best and why?

MATH

- Count things and compare them. There are 15 apples in a 5 lb. bag for \$10.99 and 25 oranges in a 10 lb. bag for \$10.79. What's the best deal?
- Tell time together. Compare a digital watch to an analog clock.
- While you are cooking, use recipes to find fractions (1/4 tsp. salt), or work together to double and half the recipes.
- Help your child learn to divide by evenly sharing toys, food, and money.
- Measure angles and find and identify right angles in your home.
- Find the perimeter of a room. Double the length, double the width and add them together.
- Determine the area of a room: length times width.
- Teach your child to count coins and make change.

SCIENCE

- Look at the stars at night. Note the changes in the moon and stars.
- Create or draw a model of the solar system.
- Learn about recycling and participate in your community.
- Experiment with water: record the evaporation of water in an open jar.
- Test the density of objects by checking whether they sink or float.
- Keep a weather journal. Study and write about the weather patterns.
- Study human body diagram and draw and label the systems (skeletal; respiratory; digestive).



Summer Learning Guide

Grades 1st, 2nd & 3rd

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READING

- Labels: On clothes - - where were they made? On food packages - - what are the ingredients?
- Vocabulary flash cards that you make for interesting words from stories you are reading OR talking about.
- Read aloud together. ECHO reading means one person reads first and the 2nd person echoes the words. CHORAL reading means you read together at the same time. Talk about the text. What did you learn? What else do you want to know?
- Look at pictures or other illustrations and read the labels. Did the words explain the picture or did the picture explain the words?
- Go to the library and find books you are interested in and read them. Tell your family what you liked about the book. Identify new words and ask someone what the word means. Help your child make their own dictionary in a notebook.

WRITING

- Play grocery store: label items, make a grocery list.
- Play restaurant: make a menu, take orders, & write out ticket.
- Write out your plans each week.
- Write about your favorite TV show.
- Why is it your favorite show?
- Help plan the meal for one night by writing down the list of ingredients.
- Go on a treasure hunt for words: create a list of the words to find.
- Ask your family to name their favorite things and write down their answers.
- Write a story with all the members of your family as characters.

MATH

- Talk about math. For example: We have 2 children and 2 adults coming to dinner, how many places should we set the table for?
- Play games: there are 12 pieces on each side of the checkerboard. If you jump me three times, how many game pieces will I have left? Another game might be "I'm thinking of a number". My number when added with 6 makes 10. What is my number?
- Measure the knife, fork and spoon by inches and or centimeters. Discuss which is longer/shorter and by how much.
- Help students understand place value by adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.

SCIENCE

- Plant and care for different seeds including flowers and vegetables. Record information as they grow.
- Explore and examine changes in your shadow over the course of the day.
- Try to identify insects and birds you see in your community. Look for their "habitats" in your yard and neighborhood. Try to recreate a "natural" habitat in a shoebox. Discuss what living things need to survive.
- Collect, compare and discuss rocks.
- Look at the stars at night. Note the changes in the moon and stars.
- Study human body diagram and draw/label the systems: (skeletal; respiratory; digestive).



Summer Learning Guide

ECE - Kindergarten

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HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING:

- Let your child know how much you love and value him or her.
- Provide opportunities for your child to see you reading, both for enjoyment and for information.
- Read to your child every day. Children love to hear their favorite stories over and over again. Get a library card and go to the library weekly. Discuss the books after you have read them.
- Help your child express his or her theatrical side and reading comprehension by doing fun activities related to his or her favorite books. After taking time to read a story together:
 - Ask your child to act it out and have props or costumes your child can use.
 - Have him or her draw the characters in the story or make them out of pipe cleaners or popsicle sticks.
 - Ask your child to make different faces to show the way that the character in the story is feeling.
- Encourage your child to ask questions. Answer them in language your child can understand.
- Talk with your child about daily activities, trips, and special events that happen in your child's life.
- Display your child's work in a prominent place.
- Take your child as many places as possible – shopping, to the zoo, the airport, local parks, etc.
- Provide learning materials for your child such as books, paints, scissors, paper, crayons, and pencils.
- Teach your child their birthdate, address and phone number.
- Limit the time your child watches television and supervise closely what he or she is watching.
- Teach your child the letters in their first and last names and how to write them.
- Help your child learn their colors.
- Sing songs and say nursery rhymes.
- Play games (card games and board games as well as outside games)
- Count objects together.
- Have your child sort and categorize many different things by size or shape. These can include small plastic toys such as animals and vehicles, blocks, or other small objects such as coins, stamps, cups, and bottle caps. Have children explore different ways to sort objects into similar groups.

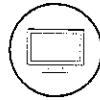
SAVE TIME DURING SCHOOL REGISTRATION!

Verify your student's information online this summer



Mark your calendars for online student verification, open July 20 through Aug. 11

Reduce the time and effort of school registration by using online verification – it's quick and easy!



What is online verification?

It's the process where you verify your student's information, including address and guardian names. By reviewing your student's info online, you avoid paper forms and decrease the time you spend at the school, and in line, during registration.



Who can complete online verification?

Any family with a currently enrolled DPS student and a Parent Portal account can take part. However, only the primary parent or guardian registered in Infinite Campus can complete online verification. Check out the steps below, and start saving time!

Save time...verify online! July 20-Aug. 11

HOW DO I GET STARTED? If you already have a Parent Portal account, log in now to make sure it is active and ready. Then go to No. 2 for next steps.

1. TO CREATE YOUR PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT:

- Visit <https://myportal.dpsk12.org>
- Click the "Getting Started" tab at the top
- Follow the instructions and fill out the form on the left side to create your own account
- You will receive an email from the DPS Portal Team with a link to activate your account. Click the link to verify your email address.

2. TO SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE SCHOOL VERIFICATION INFORMATION:

- Log into your Parent Portal account starting **July 20, 2017** at <https://myportal.dpsk12.org>
- Recommended browsers are Firefox, Google Chrome and Internet Explorer 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0
- Click the "Online School Verification" tab on the left side of the page, follow the instructions, and complete by Aug. 11
- Some changes can't be completed online and will require you to take documentation to the school. If you receive this prompt while completing the process, please gather the appropriate documents to complete verification during registration. This includes changes in address, names or guardians.
- You must go through verification for every student enrolling in a DPS school, just as you have done with the paper process in the past.

NOTE: Updating your student's information online is not required. Paper forms are still available at all DPS schools, and you are welcome to complete verification at your student's school.

QUESTIONS? Call 720-423-3493, or visit schoolchoice.dpsk12.org

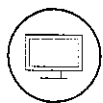
¡AHORREN TIEMPO CUANDO INSCRIBAN A SUS ESTUDIANTES!

Verificar la información de sus hijos en línea este verano.



Marquen sus calendarios para verificar la información de sus estudiantes en línea entre el 20 de julio y el 11 de agosto.

Ahorren tiempo y esfuerzo cuando inscriban a sus hijos: la verificación en línea es fácil y rápida.



¿Qué es la verificación en línea?

Es el proceso para verificar la información de los estudiantes, incluyendo la dirección y el nombre de los padres o tutores legales del niño. Con este proceso, no tienen que llenar los formularios impresos ni pasar tanto tiempo formados en fila en la escuela durante las inscripciones.



¿Quiénes pueden hacer la verificación en línea?

Todas las familias de los estudiantes de DPS que tienen una cuenta del Portal para Padres pueden participar en este proceso. Sin embargo, solo el padre o tutor legal puede completar la verificación en línea. Lean a continuación los pasos que deben seguir y comiencen a ahorrar tiempo.

AHORREN TIEMPO... ¡VERIFIQUEN LA INFORMACIÓN DE SUS ESTUDIANTES EN LÍNEA! 20 DE JULIO AL 11 DE AGOSTO

¿POR DÓNDE EMPIEZO? Si ya tiene una cuenta del Portal para Padres, ingrese para asegurarse de que su cuenta esté activa y lista para usar. Prosiga con el paso 2.

1 PARA ABRIR UNA CUENTA DEL PORTAL PARA PADRES:

- Visite <https://myportal.dpsk12.org>
- Haga clic en la pestaña "Getting Started" (para comenzar) en la parte superior.
- Siga las instrucciones y llene el formulario a la izquierda para abrir una cuenta.
- Recibirá un mensaje por correo electrónico del equipo del Portal para Padres de DPS con un enlace para activar su cuenta. Haga clic en este enlace para verificar su dirección de correo electrónico.

2 PARA ACTUALIZAR LA INFORMACIÓN EN LÍNEA:

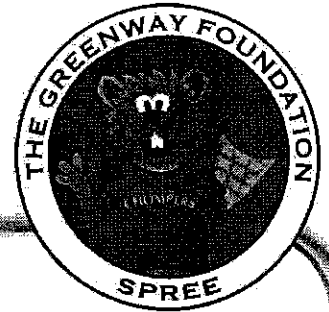
- Ingrese a su cuenta del Portal para Padres a partir del 20 de julio de 2017 en <https://myportal.dpsk12.org>.
- Se recomienda que use Firefox, Google Chrome o las versiones 8.0, 9.0 o 10.0 de Internet Explorer.
- Haga clic en la pestaña "Online School Verification" (verificación en línea) a la izquierda de la página y siga las instrucciones para el 11 de agosto, a más tardar.
- Algunos cambios no se pueden completar en línea, ya que deberá presentar la documentación correspondiente en la escuela. Si recibe una notificación al respecto durante el proceso, reúna los documentos y tráigalos el día de las inscripciones para completar el proceso de verificación. Esto incluye los cambios de domicilio, de nombre o tutor legal del niño.
- Tendrá que verificar la información de cada estudiante que esté inscrito en DPS, al igual que realizó en papel en años anteriores.

TENGA EN CUENTA: no es obligatorio actualizar la información de su estudiante en línea. Todas las escuelas de DPS cuentan con los formularios de verificación impresos y puede completar este proceso en la escuela de su hijo si lo prefiere.

¿TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA? LLAME AL 720-423-3493 O VISITE SCHOOLCHOICE.DPSK12.ORG.

South Platte River Environmental Education (SPREE) Summer Day Camps

Join SPREE for days filled with **games, crafts, adventures** and even **top secret missions about the environment**. Unique and educational activities each day of camp!



Who: Children entering 1st – 5th grade in Fall 2017

Camp Locations:

- **SPREE HQ**, Johnson-Habitat Park, 610 S. Jason St, Denver 80223

Cost: \$240 per camper per week

- **Joe Shoemaker School**, 3333 S Havana Street, Denver 80231

Cost: \$215 per camper per week

Hours: 8:00am – 6:00pm, camp activities between 9:00am – 3:00pm

Dates: Week-long day camps (Monday – Friday) June 5th – August 4th

Sign Up and learn more at: greenwayfoundation.org/summercamp

Registration is first come, first serve.

For more information: Email camp@greenwayfoundation.org or Call (720) 306-8000