



Dear 3rd and 4th Grade Parents,

After a strange end of the year, I'm sure we are all looking forward to summer! When planning activities, please remember to read aloud to your child and listen to them read aloud to you. There are so many ways to incorporate reading into the day, and it is so beneficial. The more students read over the summer, the better prepared they will be in the fall. Reading everyday will help them retain and strengthen skills. Setting aside time for reading is an easy way to accomplish this.

Fortunately, Accelerated Reader (AR) is available throughout the summer. Your child's account will remain active. This is terrific news! We ask that each student complete **at least one book** over the summer. Remember, you can use the same book titles on all of the programs you join this summer! The teachers will continue to monitor students' progress periodically during the summer months.



For math, we recommend for your child to log onto his/her iReady account at least 3 times a week. This will help your child continue to work on and keep up with his/her math skills. The lessons provide individualized instruction based on your child's needs. The teachers will be able to monitor students' progress throughout the summer.

In addition to iReady, we ask that your child continues to practice his/her math facts.



For Science, we have created/included a STEM choice board with challenges your child can complete throughout the summer! Have FUN and be CREATIVE :)

BARNES & NOBLE has a summer reading program. Students can sign up to read, and once they have read eight books, they will receive a free book from the list of choices. Check out the Barnes and Noble website and print your own Summer Reading Journal today!



Magic Unbound: A Summer Reading Quest
May 20 - July 20, 2020

The Worthington Library's summer program "Magic Unbound" starts on May 20. Go to www.worthingtonlibraries.org/src to find out more.

The Columbus/Dublin Libraries have not released their summer reading program information yet, but keep checking in!



For Religion: We are recommending that you continue to participate in Lectio Divina or Christian Meditation at least once a week throughout the summer. Find a quiet spot in your house or outside, and connect with God through these calming forms of prayer. We would also highly encourage you to attend one St. Brigid of Kildare’s virtual Mass each week.

The Essential Steps of Lectio Divina

Read	Choose a short passage from Scripture so God can speak to you. What does the text say?
Meditate	Think about the words - ponder - savor - dig deep into meaning - find the hidden treasure What does the text say to me in my life? What is God saying?
Pray	Continue the dialogue - talk things over with God - respond What do I want to say to God about this text?
Contemplate	Connect your new insights with daily life. What difference will this text make in my life?
Action	How will I change? How will I act? How will I serve?

For Social Studies: Below are some websites recommended for you to explore.

[Learn](#) (Ohio History Center) This is where we were going to go on our field trip this year. When you get to the home page, click on the “learn” tab and you can pick the topic of interest to explore.

www.weareteachers.com/best-virtual-field-trips/ This site provides 25 virtual field trips. They have a wide range of topics. Be sure to check out the one on The National Constitution Center.



When you do any learning this summer, please write in a letter on the calendar below to let us know what you did: R - Reading, M - Math, SC - Science, SS - Social Studies, REL - Religion. Please complete and turn this in when school starts in August to earn an incentive.



Have fun learning this summer!



June 2020

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August 2020

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Summer STEM Challenges!

Complete as many STEM activities as you can this summer. Put a star in the boxes you complete!

<p style="text-align: center;">Create a Game</p> <p>Use recyclables to design your own game. Create rules for your game, and teach your family how to play.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Egg Drop</p> <p>Design a container that can hold an egg and keep it from breaking when dropped from a high place.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Build a Boat</p> <p>Design AND build a boat that can float and hold cargo (weight).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Build a Rollercoaster</p> <p>Design and build a roller coaster using paper, paper plates, and tape. How long can you keep a ping pong ball moving?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Design a Chair</p> <p>Design AND build a beach chair that can actually hold your weight.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cook Some S'mores!</p> <p>Go to climatekids.nasa.gov/smares to build a solar oven and cook some s'mores.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Water Balloon Launcher</p> <p>Design and create a water balloon launcher. Have a competition, and see whose water balloon goes the farthest.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Design an Ocean Animal</p> <p>Design a new ocean animal unlike any ocean animal you have ever seen before.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Create an Obstacle Course</p> <p>Design and build an obstacle course outside. Record how fast you and your friends/family completed the course.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Build the Tallest Tower</p> <p>See who in your family can build the tallest tower using uncooked straight spaghetti noodles and marshmallows.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Create a New Invention</p> <p>Design a brand new invention, and explain what your invention can do. Can you try to build your new invention?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Build a Sundial</p> <p>Design and build a sundial that actually tells the time.</p>