



Rising Third Grade Resource Guide

Cornerstone's resource guide to help reinforce reading, writing and math skills over the summer



Reading Activities

- Read a variety of fiction and nonfiction books (picture books, chapter books, articles, magazines, comics and newspapers).
- Join the summer reading program at your local library.
- Subscribe to a magazine that your child enjoys reading like *National Geographic for Kids*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Time for Kids* or *Highlights*.
- Download audiobooks to listen to on long road trips or when riding around town. This is a great way to expose children to books that would ordinarily be too difficult for them to read independently, but are of high interest.
- Look at books on the Epic website <https://www.getepic.com/>. This is an unlimited library of children's books (\$4.99/month).

Play these games with your family:

Word of the day game

<http://www.education.com/activity/article/big-word-of-the-day/>

Go fishing for grammar

http://www.education.com/activity/article/go_fish_grammar/

Prefixes and suffixes game

http://www.education.com/activity/article/build_vocabulary_prefixes_suffixes_third/

Character trait game

http://www.education.com/activity/article/post_it_party_third/

Make your own secret code

http://www.education.com/activity/article/invent_a_secret_code/

Little House in the Big Woods Activity

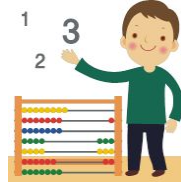
<http://www.education.com/activity/article/little-house-big-woods/>



Writing With Your Child

- Make a summer scrapbook of any trips you take and include souvenirs such as photos, ticket stubs, maps, etc. Be sure to add captions to tell about your trip.
- Send letters or emails to a friend or family member.
- Write a list of activities you'd like to do this summer.
- Make a joke book by collecting jokes and riddles from your family and friends.
- Make your own comic book.
- Dinner wishes - write menus for your favorite meals on paper plates. Hang them around the kitchen. When a meal is made you can take the plate down.
- Make your own crossword puzzle or word search.
- Play "Guess What? A Writing Game".

http://www.education.com/activity/article/guess_what_writing_game_fourth/



Math Activities

- Board games are a great way to practice math skills. Battleship, Jenga, Othello, Chess, Connect Four, Checkers, Rummikub, Guess Who and Rush Hour can reinforce strategy development, spatial perception, pattern discrimination and a multitude of other important skills. Have a weekly game night for family fun and math skill development!
- Complete chores to earn money.
- Help your child find fractions in the everyday world - in advertisements, measuring tools, on billboards, recipes, etc. Baking is a great way to practice fractions! For an extra challenge give your child a cookie recipe and ask him/her to double it for you.
- Over a period of time, have your child record the daily temperatures in the morning and in the evening. Keep track of the findings in chart or graph form. Ask questions about the data - for example, what was the difference in temperature from morning to evening or from one day to the next?
- As you are driving in the car or going on walks, search for geometric figures and identify them by name along with some of their characteristics. For example: a stop sign is an octagon with eight sides and eight angles; a brick is a rectangular prism in which all faces are rectangles.

Educational Technology for Kids to Explore

Math fact practice games on the Cornerstone website

Please consider visiting this site frequently. Research shows that most students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills during the summer months. If your child has mastered his/her addition and subtraction facts, please consider introducing them to the multiplication and division games.

http://www.cornerstonecougars.org/math_fact_resources

RAZ kids (app and website)

Your child has been using this website and app throughout the school year to read leveled books. Cornerstone has purchased the membership for your student to continue using RAZ kids throughout the summer. This is a great resource for nonfiction and fiction reading material.

<https://www.raz-kids.com/main/ViewPage/name/index>

Epic

Unlimited library of children's books (\$4.99/month)

<https://www.getepic.com/>

Greg Tang Math

Fun, challenging math games and apps (free)

Math Limbo, Numtanga and Kakooma are good games to start with

<http://grextangmath.com/games.html>

To practice specific math topics:

Practice with telling time

Quick Clocks app \$1.99

<http://www.teachingtime.co.uk/draggames/sthec2.html>

<http://www.primarygames.com/time/start.htm>

Addition and subtraction practice

Quick Math app \$1.99

Baseball Math for Two Players

<http://www.funbrain.com/math/index2.html>

Baseball Math for One Player

<http://www.funbrain.com/math/index.html>

Money

<http://www.primarygames.com/Spending%20Spree/start.htm>

Practice Counting Back Change

<http://www.funbrain.com/cashreg/>

Measurement

<http://www.funbrain.com/measure/index.htm>

Fun Games for Kids to Explore

Number Maker (Place Value)

http://www.education.com/activity/article/number_maker_third/

Race to \$1.00 (Money and Addition)

http://www.education.com/activity/article/Dollar_Games/

Math Baseball (Multiplication)

<http://www.education.com/activity/article/math-baseball/>

What Doesn't Belong? (Categorizing)

http://www.education.com/activity/article/What_Doesnt_Belong_third/

Math Solitaire for Two (Mental Math/Addition/Subtraction)

http://www.education.com/activity/article/Math_Solitaire_third/

