

SUMMER READING

ELEMENTARY LIBRARY LESSON

Guides your entire lesson

Encourages summer reading

Low-prep and editable

Grades 2-5

BE SURE TO READ!



No matter what your summer plans are, you should make some time to read.

Reading is perfect for lazy days at home, for long car rides, or for days sitting by the pool.

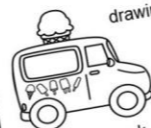
RECOMMENDED READS

PICTURE BOOKS
Summer is Here (Watson)
Pool (Cummins)
Summer Is for Cousins (Laf Bubbles...UP! (Davies)
The World Belonged to Us (Woodson)
The Depth of the Lake and t Height of the Sky (Kim)
Zap! Clap! Boom! The Story Thunderstorm (Salas)
Hum and Swish (Myers)
A Day for Sandcastles (Laws)
Hello, Lighthouse (Blackall)
The Sandcastle That Lola Bu

"Summertime"

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find the photos drawings to match these pi



ice cream truck



strawberry

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these i... can you find in the Sun

Watermelon: fruit, vegetable, or berry?



Where can you get books to read this summer?

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LET'S TALK ABOUT...SUN

Today in the library, we learned about summer things. Here are some things I learned!

Summer Things Quiz

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2. How tall is the world's largest sandcastle, according to Guinness World Records?

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Let's draw a cute crab!



Mrs. READER PANTS

THIS SUMMER-THEMED RESOURCE INCLUDES:

TRIVIA QUESTION

I don't have any books in my house to read this summer.
Where can I get some books to read?

- a. Go to the public library
- b. Borrow from friends
- c. Borrow from the school library
- d. Visit used bookstores or yard sales



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- e. All of the above



2-part presentation (whole-group lesson + scrolling slideshow)



2 scavenger hunt activities + Take-Home extension activities + answer key



Printable Recommended Reads list



Standards-aligned lesson plan (AASL, CCSS, and TEKS) + "I Can" Statements

PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

A read-aloud is optional for this lesson.

If you choose to read aloud, I've included a list of recommended read-alouds on Slide 4 of the lesson, each paired with a YouTube video.

These Part I slides introduce students to five benefits of summer reading.

BENEFITS OF SUMMER READING

There are so many benefits of summer reading!



EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN

How do you keep your muscles in shape?
You need to use them!

Swimming, skateboarding, and shooting baskets are all ways to exercise your muscles.

Your brain needs exercise, too!
What do you think helps your brain exercise?



PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

DID YOU KNOW...?

Some facts about hermit crabs:

- They can live for up to 40 years in the wild
- They can weigh up to 11 pounds.
- There are over 800 species of hermit crabs.

...it crab species live in the ocean.

...trial, which means

READING FACTS

91% of kids say they are more likely to finish reading a book they picked out themselves.

86% of kids surveyed said they feel proud when they finish reading a book.

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to read

The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).

The scrolling slides include fun facts, trivia, Would-You-Rathers, and vocabulary words related to summertime and summer reading.

Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.

PRINTABLE ACTIVITIES

Keep early-finishers engaged during checkout! Includes 2 differentiated scavenger hunt activities and two pages of Take-Home Extension Activities.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find the photos or drawings to match these pictures?



ice cream truck



seashell



SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these illustrations and facts can you find in the Summer Reading slides?



Reading slides?

What month is National Ice Cream Month?

How long can hermit crabs live?

What country is the Land of the Midnight Sun?

SCAVENGER HUNT

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SCAVENGER HUNTS

Where can you get books to read this summer?

Library, borrow from a friend, used bookstore

Coconuts, peaches, plums, cherries, olives

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2. How tall is the world's largest sandcastle, according to Guinness World Records?
3. What are some of America's least favorite ice cream flavors?
4. What is a drupe?
5. In the northern hemisphere, when is the summer solstice?

Make Fun Variations of Ant

1. Wash and cut celery stalks into 2-3 inch strips. These are the "logs."
2. Spread cream cheese, ranch dressing, marshmallow fluff, or peanut butter on one side of the celery stalks.

TAKE-HOME EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

5 Benefits of Summer Reading

1. Improves vocabulary.
2. Exercises your brain.

Summer Quiz Answers

1. 100-120 seeds
2. 69.5 feet tall

Let's draw a cute crab!



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RECOMMENDED READS

“Summertime”



PICTURE BOOKS

Fireworks (Burgess)
Heatwave (Redniss)
Summer is Here (Watson)
Pool (Cummins)
Summer Is for Cousins (LaRocca)
Bubbles...UP! (Davies)
The World Belonged to Us
(Woodson)
*The Depth of the Lake and the
Height of the Sky* (Kimmel)
Zap! Clap! Boom! The Storm
Thunderstorm (Salas)
Hum and Swish (Myers)
A Day for Sandcastles
Hello, Lighthouse (Black)
The Sandcastle That Lola Built
(Maynor)
Freedom Summer (Wiles)
Sunrise Summer (Swanson)
How to Code a Sandcastle (Funk)
Noah's Seal (Marlow)
Paletero Man (Diaz)

FICTION

Take It from the Top (Swinarski)
Ginny Off the Map (Hickey)
Summer (Kapit)
Ants of Ants (Culley)
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rever (Bradley)
Lake (Hurwitz)
Here in the Real World
(Pennypacker)
King and the Dragonflies (Callender)
Sisterland (Simukka)
Billy Miller Makes a Wish (Henkes)
The Mending Summer (Standish)

**EDITABLE
TEXT**

This is an editable list of recommended summer reading.

Use it for your own reference, add it to book displays, or send it to teachers or home to parents!

EDITABLE LESSON PLAN

Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades 2-5. Also includes 12 “I Can” Statements for this lesson.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!

PREP CHECKLIST

Very important for this lesson! Before your lesson, you will

NOTES ON THIS LESSON:

Use this space for any notes you might want to remember about this lesson next year.

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“I CAN” STATEMENTS

Sample Statements
Summer Reading

- I can discover new books I might read.
- I can explain why reading during summer is important.
- I can explore different ways to read, including print books, ebooks, audiobooks, and podcasts.
- I can participate in discussion activities.
- I can learn interesting summer facts about reading, science, nature, and more.
- I can use clues and vocabulary words to understand new books.
- I can learn and use new words from books.
- I can answer trivia questions about books.
- I can make connections between books and other media.

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LESSON PLAN

DATES

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SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED

- Computer, projector or TV screen, slide “clicker”, audio speakers.

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LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL...

- Listen and participate in whole-group discussion about the benefits of summer reading
- Learn the ASL sign for “summer”
- Learn fun facts about ice cream, sand castles, cockle shells, hermit crabs, watermelon, mosquitoes...
- Find facts, images, and information from the lesson on a scavenger hunt

BOOK AND VIDEO PAIRINGS:

- *Bubbles...UP!* (Davies)—This picture book is a great springboard to talk about water safety with younger students. Pair with [Laure Berkner’s “Pool Safety” song on YouTube](#).
- *Sunrise Summer* (Swanson)—This picture book helps introduce the summer solstice and how the poles do not have sunset during the summer months. You might want a globe and a tennis ball or something for the sun to demonstrate the earth’s tilt during the seasons. [This time-lapse video](#) shows the Alaska sun on a summer day.
- *How to Code a Sandcastle* (Funk)—For a STEM focus in the last weeks of school, this picture book is great for introducing coding. Check out this 4-minute video of the [building of the world’s tallest sandcastle in Binz, Germany!](#)

READ-ALOUD(S)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Is this lesson ready
to use TODAY?**

Mostly, yes! There are
a few slides that are
customizable to your library.

If you need a lesson in a pinch,
you can just skip over or delete
those slides in the lesson.

What EXACTLY is editable?

Editable: all text, headers,
and captions in slides
and printable pages

NOT Editable: all images

**This lesson looks long!
Can I easily shorten it?**

Absolutely! There are lots
of slides to choose from.

To shorten the lesson, just make
a copy and delete the slides
you don't want to use today.

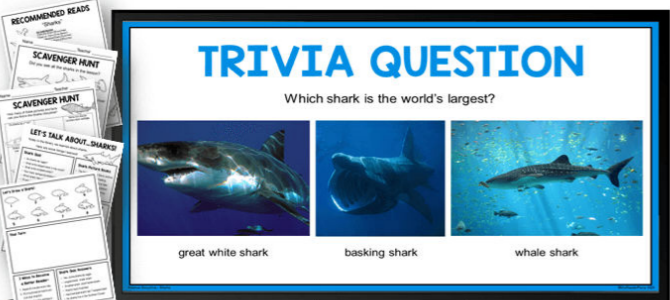
You can also save different
versions for different grade levels.

MORE ELEMENTARY LIBRARY LESSONS

Love this Library Lesson? I have a lot more! All follow the same format as this Summer Reading Lesson. The lessons below are all designed for 50-minute classes or two 25-minute classes.

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

SCIENCE STORYTIME




TRIVIA QUESTION
Which shark is the world's largest?

great white shark basking shark whale shark

GRADES 1-4

"Sharks!"



INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

LIBRARY STORYTIME




HOW TO MAKE S'MORES
S'mores are a popular camping treat! To make them, you will need...

marshmallows chocolate bar graham crackers


GRADES K-3

"Summer Camping"



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FIREWORKS PICTURE BOOK LESSON



TRIVIA QUESTION
The setting of a story is the time and place where it happens. What is the setting of *Fireworks*?

Winter in the mountains Spring in a park Summer in a city
(answer on next slide)

GRADES 2-4

designed for use with...
Fireworks by Matthew Burgess

