

Cornerstone Charter Academy Summer Opportunities

As the state and nation continue to recover from the pandemic, so does education. Consequently, Cornerstone's focus is shifting away from pandemic management and towards pandemic recovery. While we may not yet know all the ways that a pandemic impacted our students, we do know that the process of recovery is ongoing.

Even in the best of years, educators struggle against the "summer slide", which is the phenomenon of students losing some of the academic gains from the previous school year during the summer months. In fact, some education studies indicate that it could be up to two months worth of learning that students lose. Combine the impact of summer slide with the effects of a pandemic, and our students could be facing academic challenges far into the future. However, there is hope. Research also suggests that even a small amount of intentional work done in the summer can offset the impact of learning loss.

One way we would like to try to mitigate these impacts is by providing your child with a few learning opportunities over the summer that they can participate in right from the comfort of your own home.

Reflex Math: Offered for rising 2nd-rising 6th

Reflex Math is an adaptive and individualized online math program. Reflex is the most effective system for mastering basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. **Students should engage with reflex math no more 3 times a week for about 10-15 minutes max.** All students rising 2nd-rising 6th grade have access to Reflex over the summer. Reflex Link: [Reflex](#)

Accelerated Reading: Offered for rising 1st-rising 8th

As students read what they love, they can take a short quiz to check their understanding on the AR website. Students have the ability to take the quizzes from home this summer and accumulate points that can be redeemed at the **Back to School Bash** when we return in August. All rising 1st-rising 8th grade students will have access to the Accelerated Reading program through this link: [Accelerated Reading Quizzes](#)

Grade level book lists can be found on the homepage of our website, <https://cornerstone.cfacademy.school/> Additional books on their level can be located on <https://www.arbookfind.com/>. We encourage you to **set aside time each day to read.** Track the books your child reads and reward him or her with a special activity or treat when he or she reaches certain milestones (for example, every 10th book). Have a discussion with your child about the book your child is reading. Ask them open ended questions such as:

1. *If you could give the book another title, what would it be?*
2. *Which characters would you like to meet in real life?*
3. *What do you wish was different about the ending?*
4. *Would the book make a cool movie? Video game? TV show?*
5. *What is one thing you could ask the author if you could talk to him or her?*
6. *What do you think the author wants readers to remember most from this book?
or...Was there one big lesson you took away from this book?*

IXL Reading and Math: Offered for rising 6th-rising 9th graders

IXL is an online program that allows for individualized instruction for students in Math and Reading. Many students already use this program in class. As students work through material the program adapts to the needs of each student, selecting areas for review and/or acceleration.

During the summer, we will be checking on student math and reading progress. We will be sending out a video every two weeks to celebrate students who participate in Reflex, IXL, and/or Accelerated Reading.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Erin Shoemaker at eshoemaker@cornerstonek12.org or Jade Nix at jnix@cornerstonek12.org. We can also be reached Monday through Thursday from 8-4 at 336-482-3855.

Have a wonderful summer!
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