



# BRONX DANCE ACADEMY

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## Summer Enrichment 2026-2027

### Dear Incoming 6th Grade Families,

Welcome to middle school! We are excited to begin this journey with your child and look forward to a successful school year ahead.

Summer is an important time for students to rest, recharge, and enjoy new experiences. It is also a valuable opportunity to continue learning and practicing skills that will help students feel confident and prepared for 6th grade. Research shows that students who engage in regular reading, problem-solving, and exploration during the summer maintain academic growth and return to school ready to learn. The good news is that meaningful summer learning does not require expensive programs, workbooks, or subscriptions. Everyday experiences, conversations, and free community resources can provide excellent opportunities for learning.

Below are recommended activities to help your child strengthen their skills while still enjoying their summer break.

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## English Language Arts (ELA)

### Recommended Activities

- 1. Read for at least 20–30 minutes daily.**
  - Read books, magazines, newspapers, graphic novels, or online articles.
- 2. Keep a Reading Journal.**
  - Write a few sentences after each reading session about favorite characters, important events, or new information learned.
- 3. Listen to Audiobooks.**
  - Access free audiobooks through local libraries or apps such as:
    - [Libby](#)
    - [New York Public Library Teen Resources](#)
- 4. Practice Writing.**
  - Keep a summer diary, write book reviews, create short stories, or write letters to friends and family.

### Recommended Independent Reading Books

- *Wonder* by RJ Palacio
  - *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
  - *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
  - *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
  - *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
  - *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
  - *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
  - *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
  - *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
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## Mathematics

### Recommended Activities

- Practice Math Facts.**
  - Review multiplication and division facts until they become automatic.
  - [www.timestables.com](http://www.timestables.com)
- Use Real-Life Math.**
  - Calculate discounts while shopping, estimate costs, compare prices, or help plan a family budget.
- Solve Daily Math Problems.**
  - Try one or two word problems each day using everyday situations.
- Explore Free Online Resources.**
  - [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.com)
  - [Illustrative Mathematics Practice Problems](#)

### Skills to Review

- Multiplication and division
  - Fractions and decimals
  - Measurement and conversions
  - Multi-step word problems
  - Basic geometry concepts
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## Science

### Recommended Activities

- Nature Observation Journal**
  - Observe plants, insects, birds, clouds, or weather patterns and record findings.
- Kitchen Science**
  - Investigate how ice melts, how plants grow, or how different materials react when mixed with water.
- Citizen Science Projects**
  - Participate in free observation projects through:
    - [iNaturalist](https://www.inaturalist.org)
- Watch and Discuss Science Videos**
  - Explore age-appropriate videos from:
    - [NASA for Students](https://www.nasa.gov/audience/audiencestudies/index.html)

### Free NYC Science Field Trips

- Governors Island
  - Explore ecosystems, gardens, and environmental programs.
- The High Line
  - Observe urban ecology, native plants, and pollinators.
- Central Park
  - Study habitats, wildlife, geology, and ecosystems.
- Pelham Bay Park Nature Center
  - Observe birds, and environmental conservation efforts.



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## Social Studies

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- 1. Explore Local History**
  - Learn about your neighborhood and investigate how it has changed over time.
- 2. Interview a Family Member**
  - Ask about family traditions, immigration stories, or important historical events they experienced.
- 3. Follow Current Events**
  - Read age-appropriate news articles and discuss major events with family members.
- 4. Create a Personal Timeline**
  - Include important events from your life alongside major historical events.

### Free NYC Social Studies Field Trips

- Staten Island Ferry
    - Learn about transportation, immigration, and New York Harbor history.
  - African Burial Ground National Monument
    - Explore an important site connected to colonial New York history.
  - Federal Hall National Memorial
    - Learn about the founding of the United States and early government.
  - Brooklyn Bridge
    - Explore engineering, immigration, and the growth of New York City.
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## Family Challenge

Choose one activity from each subject area every week. Keep track of your experiences in a notebook, journal, or digital document. Students can bring their journals, photos, notes, or projects to school in September to share with classmates.

We hope your family enjoys a summer filled with reading, discovery, exploration, and fun. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's learning. We look forward to welcoming our newest 6th graders this fall!

**Have a wonderful summer!**

Sincerely,

**The 6th Grade Team  
Bronx Dance Academy**