

Happy Summer! It is important for children to engage in summer reading/activities over the summer to prevent learning loss. Although Starboard Christian Academy does not have specific novels required for each grade over the summer months, we do want to provide ideas to help encourage your child to read and keep their skills sharp – click on your child’s rising grade level on the links below! This is not an all-inclusive list, so please feel free to be as creative as you want: search for ideas online, talk to other parents, and most importantly, talk with your child!

Some ideas:

1. Go to your local library and let your child choose books. Talk with the librarian. Peruse the aisles and familiarize yourselves with this amazing place! It’s okay for your child to read some books below his or her reading level – having an easy read that they finish up quickly helps boost confidence and encourages them to read more!
2. Look up reading lists online to find the classics and explore new titles and series. For instance: [Gospel Coalition Grades 1-8](#) – Some of the titles on these lists may have content or themes that you may not be ready to discuss or introduce with your child or will want to read alongside your child – so check reviews if you’re unfamiliar with the book/series.
3. Use your student’s Reading A-Z account (only good for students who were enrolled this past year at Starboard in grades K-3).
4. Go to a brick and mortar book store and enjoy some time there looking at books. For instance, Barns and Noble in Birkdale, Books-A-Million in Concord, or even East Lincoln Christian Ministries.
5. Have your child do a book swap with a friend or make recommendations for each other.
6. Do a Bible Study together! Westport Baptist Church has a small library in their church office lobby if you’d like to stop by and preview some. Or just ask other parents what they’ve done. Every Starboard family also has access to RightNow Media which has some great Bible studies.
7. Listen to audio books in the car as a family and talk about them. Ask questions and discuss the setting, characters, story line, motive, what you think will happen next, etc. This builds up comprehension and critical thinking skills!
8. Share a book and read aloud together.
9. Start a journal with your child that gets passed back and forth.
10. Print off a Reading Bingo page that provides fun ideas of what and where to read (just search online for Reading Bingo Printable).

11. Have your child write letters and mail them to grandparents, friends, etc.
12. Cook/bake together and have your child read the recipe!

It's also important to keep practicing math skills throughout the summer, especially math facts. Students who were enrolled in Starboard this past school year have an IXL account that is good for throughout the summer. This is a great tool to use for math and ELA.

Have fun this summer, be safe, keep learning, and we'll see you all in August!

In Christ,

Starboard Administration and Staff