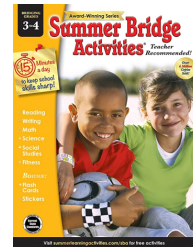


Summer Program Overview Entering Middle School Monday – Friday

1. Bridge Book (approx. 15 min. daily)

Complete 2 pages daily (front & back)
Available at bookstores or
through amazon.com



2. Read/write daily (20-30 min. daily)

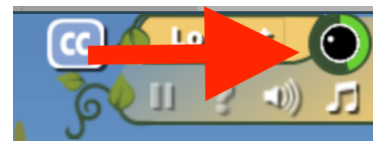
Take a break from AR books and allow students to read what interests them. Reading is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child. Take turns reading pages and having conversations about what your child is reading.

If you can't make it to the library, **axis 360** is a great resource, similar to Epic. If you have a library card, you can access it at <https://www.broward.org/Library/Pages/eBooks.aspx>.

If you don't have a library card, apply online at <https://www.broward.org/Library/Services/Pages/LibraryCard.aspx>. Don't know which books to read? The ACE program below lists some great options.

3. Math (approx. 20 min. daily)

- Time 4 Math Facts (3 days a week) Grade 6. Students should complete the circle at the top right-hand corner of the screen at each sitting (3 times a week). It does have a cost of \$39.95 annually, but it is a great game that truly improves math fluency. Students who have entering 6th grade should select the multiplication/division option. It is a fun, engaging game. It is available at <https://www.time4mathfacts.com>.
- iReady. (2 days a week) Grades K5-8th. Students should complete one lesson twice weekly. Your students already have their iReady login information. Your students took an assessment while they were at school and based on the results of that assessment, the software delivers tailored instruction and practice for each student to accelerate growth.



A.C.E. Summer Program Entering Middle School

Welcome to Potential Christian Academy's **Academic Challenge for Excellence**. Google "summer learning loss" or "summer brain drain", and you will come across thousands of articles and websites discussing how students can lose 2-3 months of learning if they are not mentally engaged over the summer months! Not only is there a loss of learning; but when students return to school, they often take 4-5 weeks to re-engage and get up to speed with concepts they have mastered previously.

Our desire at PCA is to partner with your family during the summer months in order to prepare students for a quick start to a strong academic year at each grade level. "Academic Challenge for Excellence" (ACE) is a program that our team has developed to guide you and your child through a summer of fun and learning. ACE will provide fun learning activities on a daily basis throughout the summer, in the areas of Bible, Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Reading. Students that complete and return their ACE materials in the first week of school will receive a 100% grade for each applicable subject area! We strongly encourage full participation in this program by all children entering K5 through Middle School. Children that do not fully engage in this program may find themselves struggling to keep up with the academic pace.

PCA's ACE program instructions: ****REQUIRED FOR EXTRA CREDIT!**

****Summer Bridge Activities Book** from Carson-Dellosa Publishing. (This book is available at local bookstores or online at summerlearningactivities.com.) Help your kids maintain the skills they learned during the school year. Order the summer workbook and get free membership to the site, including online games and activities. Summer Bridge contains fun exercises to complete Monday through Friday of each week during the summer. These exercises serve as a review of the previous year's material, in order to build the foundation for the approaching grade level. **A student who completes and returns this book will receive an extra credit grade of 100% in language arts, science, math, and social studies. They will only get credit in the subject(s) which are completed. If the section is not complete, no partial credit will be given.**

****Suggested Reading/Book List**

The reading list has been compiled to prepare your child with samples of literature that will be used throughout the year in the approaching grade. Students must read **at least 3** of the books listed in the **Grade Level Reading List** and complete **3 extension activities** in order to receive a 100% EXTRA CREDIT grade in language. Reading books on the suggested list will prove helpful in strengthening reading during the summer break.

Weekly scripture and devotional

Developing the discipline of regular devotions and Bible study is critical to our growth in character and faith. **Complete summer devotions/readings.** Take time throughout the week to read the bible together and discuss how it relates to your family. You may even pick a verse together to memorize for the week. Jump in and see where God leads your family! Google "Focus on the Family" or "Keys for Kids" to find many online daily devotions for families.

Websites and resources for creative learning activities

Our teachers have put together a collection of useful websites that contain information and activities that can add to the fun of learning throughout the summer. Many sites even have suggestions for activities the entire family can enjoy together.

Summer Reading Log

Summer Reading Log is an optional, personal reading challenge. Read, visit the library and track your activity. PCA rewards our summer readers, so have some fun!

Dear Middle School Parents and Students,

Reading is important for all students and practicing their skills throughout the summer is important to their success in fifth grade and beyond. Students should begin to enjoy the pleasure of reading by this age as well as understand its necessity for living life to the fullest! Skill practice is important in many areas and reading is no exception. Students should be reading a minimum of 20-30 minutes a day in the summer. Here is a list of popular books for middle school students. Be sure your child chooses books on their skill level – not too easy, not too difficult. (See AR lists on arbookfind.com if needed) **Choose books you love to read and you will enjoy your summer reading challenge. We look forward to seeing you in our classrooms soon.**

Summer Reading Extension Activities: Students must read **at least 3** of the books listed in the **Grade Level Reading List** and complete **3 reading extension activities** (1 for each book) in order to receive Language Arts extra credit. Choose from the activities listed below:

Required for extra credit (choose a different activity for each of the 3 books you read)

- Create a timeline for the events in the story.
- Complete a comprehension worksheet.
- Complete a character analysis: write a character description of someone in the novel.
- Write a letter to the author of the book.
- Write a diary page that the main character in the story may have written.
- Prepare a list of interview questions to ask the main character.
- Design a comic strip representing the book.
- Make a scrapbook page of a major character in the book.
- Write a promotion for a movie about the novel.
- Create a book cover/jacket for the book you read.
- Keep a chapter by chapter journal. With each chapter, write a summary, an opinion, and creatively write a reflection on the events of each chapter.
- Write a three paragraph summary for the book you read. Paragraph 1- Introduction with title, author and main characters. Paragraph 2- a summary of the plot. Paragraph 3- conclusion- tell whether you would recommend this book and explain why. Tell whether you would have changed the ending to the book and why.
- Complete a story map
- Complete a book report

****Attached you will find:**

- We have also attached a sample character analysis chart, summer reading comprehension worksheet and a story map that you may use to complete your book assignments.
- You may use another format for these forms if you wish.

PCA Summer ACE Website Resource List

Through – Middle School

www.funbrain.com
www.bensguide.gpo.gov
www.softschools.com
www.aplusmath.com
www.learningplanet.com

General Sites:

www.kaboose.com
www.bestedsites.com
www.busyteacherscafe.com
www.rif/readingplanet.com
www.bookadventure.com
www.kidsknowit.com

Bible and Devotional Sites:

www.biblegateway.com
www.crosswalk.com
www.devos.kids4truth.com
www.akidsheart.com
www.heavensinspirations.com
www.cbhministries.org

**PCA Summer ACE Middle School Recommended Reading List and Extension Activities
(Read at least 3 and complete 3 extension activities to earn 100% extra credit grade)**

Suggested Reading List Sixth Grade

Title	Author
A Door in the Wall	de Angeli
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
All Creatures Great and Small	James Herriot
Anne of Green Gables Series	Lucy Montgomery
Banner in the Sky	James Ramsey Ullman
Baseball's Biggest Bloopers	Dan Gutman
By the Shores of Silver Lake	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Call it Courage	Sperry
Chasing Redbird	Sharon Creech
Chronicles of Narnia Series	C.S.Lewis
Cooper Kids Adventure Series	Frank Peretti
Eleven	Giff
Freak the Mighty	Rodman Philbrick
Freedom Crossing	Clark
Frindle	Andrew Clements
Granny Torrelli Makes Soup	Sharon Creech
Hannah West in the Belltown Towers	Linda Johns
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
House with a Clock in its Walls	John Bellairs
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell
Julie of the Wolves	and other books by Jean C. George
Lily's Crossing	Patricia R. Giff
Listening for Lions	Whelan
Little Women	Luisa May Alcott
Mockingbird	Kathryn Erskine
My Side of the Mountain	Jean C. George
Room One	Andrew Clements
Promises in the Wind	Irene Hunt
Samuel Morris	Baldwin
The Black Stallion Returns	Walter Farley
The Candymakers	Wendy Mass
The Case of the Left-Handed Lady	Nancy Springer
The Cay	Theodore Taylor
The Dreamer	Pam Munoz Ryan
The Dreamer, the Schemer and the Robe	Jenny Cote
The Girl Who Could Fly	Forester
The Hiding Place	Corrie Ten Boom
The High King Series	Lloyd Alexander
The Mailbox	Shafer
The Summer of the Swans	Betsy Byars
The Wanderer	Sharon Creech
The Yearling	Rawlings
The Young Underground Series	Robert Elmer
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
Voyages of Dr. Dolittle	Hugh Lofting
We are the Ship	Kadir Nelson

***Please feel free to choose some of your favorite books to read! Record all of your reading/pages on the Summer Reading Log. Have a wonderful summer!**

**PCA Summer ACE Middle School Recommended Reading List and Extension Activities
(Read at least 3 and complete 3 extension activities to earn 100% extra credit grade)**

Suggested Reading List **Seventh Grade**

Title	Author
A Dream to Follow	Snelling
A Year of Impossible Goodbyes	S.N. Choi
A Wrinkle in Time	Madelaine L'Engle
Billy Creekmore	Porter Tracey
Brian's Winter	Gary Paulsen
Chosen	Chiam Potok
City of Gold and Lead	John Christopher
Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi
Darien's Rise	McCusker
Eleven	Giff
Ella Enchanted	Gail Levine
Giants in the Earth	and other books by O.E. Rolvaag
Gifted Hands	Carson
Heat	Mike Lupica
Here's Lily	Nancy Rue
Isle of Swords	Batson
Jacob Have I Loved	Katherine Paterson
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Jack Gantos
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier
My Louisiana Sky	Holt
Olive's Ocean	Kevin Henkes
Over the Wall	Chris Fabry
Promise Breakers	Robert Elmer
Redwall Series	Brian Jacques
Rodzina	Karen Cushman
Someone Named Eva	Wolfe
Survival in the Storm	Janke
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain
The Bark of the Bog Owl	Jonathan Rogers
The Black Stallion	Walter Farley
The Book of the King	Jerry Jenkins
The Capture	Kathryn Lasky
The City of Ember	Jeanne Durau
The Door Within Series	Batson
The Guardian Angel Series	Sigmund Brouwer
The Great Wide Sea	Herlong
The Mousehunter	Alex Milway
The Sea of Trolls	Farmer
The Star of Light	Patricia St. John
The Swiss Family Robinson	Johann Wyss
The Twenty-One Balloons	William Pene du Bois
The Yearling	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Christopher Paul Curtis
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin

Whispers from the Bay
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

Tkac
Jules Verne

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**PCA Summer ACE Middle School Recommended Reading List and Extension Activities
(Read at least 3 and complete 3 extension activities to earn 100% extra credit grade)**

Suggested Reading List Eighth Grade

Title	Author
A Dangerous Engine	Joan Dash
Across Five Aprils	Hunt
Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America	Jim Murphy
Blue Heron	Avi
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Curtis
Call of the Wild	London
Chasing Lincoln's Killer	James L. Swanson
Chosen	Chaim Potok
God's Smuggler	Brother Andrew
Harris and Me	Gary Paulsen
How Green Was My Valley	Virginia Hamilton
Inside the Walls of Troy	Clemence McLaren
Jar of Dreams	Yoshiko Uchida
Mama's Bank Account	Forbes
Messenger	Lois Lowry
Out of Darkness	Russell Freedman
Rascal	North
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Shakespeare's Scribe	Gary Blackwood
Showdown	Tedd Dekker
Space Trilogy	Mark Pfetzer
Summer of the Monkeys	Wilson Rawls
Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps	Andrea Warren
The Bronze Bow	Speare
The Hiding Place	Corrie Ten Boom
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
The Hound of the Baskervilles	and other books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan
The Lord of the Rings	J.R.R. Tolkien
The Lost Book Series	Dekker
The Magician's Elephant	DiCamillo
The Missing Manatee	Cynthia DeFelice
The Mitford Series	Karon
The Pearl	John Steinbeck
The Penderwicks	Jeanne Birdsall
The Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Crane
The Shakespeare Stealer	Gary Blackwood
The Story of My Life	Helen Keller
The Swiss Family Robinson	Johann Wyss
The Tarantula Scientist	Sy Montgomery
The Underneath	Kathi Appelt
The Yearling	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
Three	Tedd Dekker

Tom Sawyer
Treasure Island
War of the Worlds
White Fang

Twain
R. L. Stevenson
H.G. Wells
London

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Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Character Analysis Chart

The character _____, in the book _____,
is interesting because _____

The conflict the character _____ faces is _____

Character Thoughts: What goes on in the character's mind? What thoughts keep popping up again and again?

Character Words: What does the character say? What kind of language does he or she use? Do the characters words agree with the characters thoughts and feelings?

Character Actions: How does the character behave? Does he or she try to avoid the conflict, ignore it and hope it goes away or take actions to work things out? Does the characters action match his or her feelings?

Character Appearance: What does the character look like? What does this tell you about the character?

What is a typical day for my character like?

Who lives with my character and what are their relationships?

PCA Summer Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Name: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Circle one: Fiction Nonfiction

Setting: (Where does the story take place?)

Character Names:

Describe the main character. What kind of person is he or she?

The story begins with...

The events in the story are as follows: (include details)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

The story ends with... _____

I learned that

I really liked

I did not like it when

I wonder

I would/would not recommend this book because

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

STORY MAP

Title: _____ Author: _____

Setting: _____

Characters: _____

Problem: _____

Event 1

Event 2

Event 3

Event 4

Event 5

Event 6

<p>Resolution: _____</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Parent Signature: _____

Weekly scripture and devotional

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Week 1: _____

Week 2: _____

Week 3: _____

Week 4: _____

Week 5: _____

Week 6: _____

Week 7: _____

Week 8: _____

Week 9: _____

Week 10: _____

PCA Summer Reading Challenge

Move over TV, computer and video games! Pleasure reading is cool!

Do you want your child to develop a love for literature that lasts a lifetime? Do you want to improve your child's skills in all school subjects? Studies have proven that whether children read alone or you read to them, they make great strides in language development, emotional development, imagination, and creativity when good books are a part of their lives.

Proverbs 24:14	Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.
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PCA wants to encourage individual and family reading by providing a summer reading challenge for all students entering kindergarten through middle school. This is how it works:

- Each child with a public library card is awarded 100 points.
- Visits to the library will earn 100 points each (one visit per two-week period = 600 possible points).
- Each page of a book that your child reads will be worth one point.
- Each page read to your child is also worth one point.

The challenge begins the last day of school in June and ends the first day of school in August. The teachers will collect the Summer Reading Logs the first week of school. All reading logs are due the first week of school. Prizes will be given to children who reach certain point levels as follows:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Award(s)</u>
Over 1000	Free ice cream on Friday at lunch
Over 3000	Juice & Popcorn Party
Over 5000	\$5 Scholastic book fair gift certificate

*All of the prizes and awards listed above are cumulative at each level.

Summer Reading Challenge Prizes continued...

- Top Reader in each class Ice Cream Party
- First place reader in PCA \$15 gift card from Barnes and Noble
- Second place reader in PCA \$10 gift card from Barnes and Noble
- Third place reader in PCA \$5 gift card from Barnes and Noble

****Note: Students, all books read should be at or above your grade level. A fourth or fifth grader should not be reading picture books. They may raise your total points, but what you learn is minimal. Rise to the challenge!***

Deuteronomy 25:15	You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
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How To Help Your Child Select A Book

YOU are the key in helping your child select summer reading books that will be of high interest and will also be at your child's independent reading level. The independent reading level is the level at which your child can comfortably read and understand material without adult assistance. Please use these guidelines in helping your child select appropriate reading material.

- Find books about your favorite topic or hobby.
- Look for books by a favorite author/illustrator
- Browse through the book to see if the illustrations are interesting. Read the book summary on the back cover or book jacket.
- Choose a book that is at your independent reading level using the "Five Finger Rule". Choose a book that you think you would like to read. Open to any page and begin reading at the top of the page. For every word you can't pronounce or understand put up a finger on your right hand. If you put all five fingers up before you end that page, put the book back. It's too hard for you. For younger children you may want to use the "Three Finger Rule".

Books must be at student's grade level or higher. Pages with illustrations are included in total pages counted.

Summer Reading Tally Sheet

It is the first day of school and the Summer Reading Challenge is over. WOW! Look at all the books and pages you've read!

Parents, please staple all pages of the reading log together with this sheet. Record the points from each page submitted and add them together. When that is done, please sign in the blank provided.

Total from Page 1 _____

Total from Page 2 _____

Total from page 3 _____

Total from page 4 _____

Total of all added pages _____

Total for Summer Reading Challenge! _____

Student's Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Teacher: _____

CONGRATULATIONS!

Parent's Signature: _____