

Summer Program Overview Entering K5 through 5th Grade Monday – Friday

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

Complete 2 pages daily (front & back) Available at bookstores such as Barnes and Noble 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.

- For grades K5-2, sight word practice is excellent. Sight words comprise approximately 80% of the words that students encounter. For a list of sight words, to print out flash cards, or game ideas, go to [https://sightwords.com/sight- words/](https://sightwords.com/sight-words/).

3. Math (approx. 20 min. daily)

- Time 4 Math Facts (3 days a week) Grades 2-5. 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 finished 1st grade can select the addition/subtraction option. Students who have completed grades 2-5 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 student already has their iReady login information. Your student 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 K5 through 5th Grade

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. We strongly encourage full participation in this program by all children entering K5 through 5th Grade. 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 PARTICIPATION PRIZES!**

****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 his/her Summer Bridge book to the homeroom teacher will receive an extra classroom grade of 100% in the subject(s) that was finished. No partial credit will be given. The entire section must be completed to earn the extra credit. Books must be returned by Friday of the first week of school.***

****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 special gift/prize. 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. 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. By reading three books and doing three extension activities, you will earn a special prize!

Kindergarten Level Suggested Reading Book List

Dear Future Kindergarten Students and Parents,
An adventure awaits you this summer by spending some time every day reading books! We encourage our students and parents to read aloud with each other or to each other and to read independently. Read fifteen minutes or more per day and keep a reading log. Students should have someone help them write down all the books they read this summer for their reading log! Below are some recommendations for books that you will really love and enjoy!

- Bake, Mice, Bake by Eric Seltzer
- Hello, Biscuit! By Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! By Mo Willems
- The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss
- Pete The Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin
- Biscuit Meets the Class Pet by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Clifford Sees America by Norman Birdwell
- I'm A Seed by Jean Marzollo
- Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney
- Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins
- One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root
- A Big Guy Took My Ball by Mo Willems
- We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins
- The Rabbit Listened by Cory Doerrfeld
- Jack Blasts Off by Mac Barnett

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

Summer Reading Extension Activities: Students must read at least 3 of the books listed in the Grade Level Reading List and complete the activity

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listed below in order to receive a special gift/prize from your classroom teacher.

1. Draw a picture of your favorite part of the book.
2. Have someone help you write the name of the book and one sentence talking about the part that you drew.
3. Put the sentence and title on the bottom of the drawing.
4. Put your name on your drawing.

PCA Summer ACE First Grade Level Suggested Reading/Book List (Read at least 3 and complete 3 extension activities to earn a special prize)

Dear Parents of Incoming First Grade Students,

First grade students will continue to build on the skills that they have developed in kindergarten when it comes to reading. Some students may be beginning readers while others may be farther along, and that's okay! It is important for students to read books that are at their skill level and always continue to practice! Reading is important at every level but none more than first grade. Make reading a priority this summer and every day of the year! Keep a reading log and try to read 20 minutes a day. Below are titles that first graders enjoy and are for independent reading or read aloud.

- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
- Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
- Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish
- Pete The Cat: Pete at the Beach by James Dean
- Arthur Series by Marc Brown
- If You Give a Pig A Pancake by Laura Numeroff
- Biscuit Series by Alyssa Capucilli
- Bedtime for Frances Russell Hoban
- Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
- Fly Guy and the FrankenFly by Tedd Arnold
- Click, Clack, Moo by Doreen Cronin
- Curious George Series by H. A Rey
- Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late! By Mo Willems
- Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff
- Dr. Seuss Series by Dr. Seuss
- The Duckling Gets A Cookie? By Mo Willems

- Eloise Series by Kay Thompson
- Fancy Nancy Series by Jane O'Connor
- Franklin Series by Paulette Bourgeois
- A Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon
- Frog and Toad Series by Arnold Lobel
- Gigi, God's Little Princess by Sheila Walsh
- Good Night Harry by Kim Lewis
- Hedgie Blasts Off! By Jan Brett

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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 a special gift/prize from your classroom teacher. Choose from the activities listed below:

- Create a timeline for the events in the story.
- 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.

PCA Summer ACE Second Grade Level Suggested Reading/Book List

***(Read 3 and complete 3 assignments to earn a
100% extra credit grade in Language Arts)***

Dear Parents of Incoming Second Grade Students,

Practice makes perfect! Students need to practice their reading in order to perfect their skills. Have your child read at least twenty minutes per day this summer. Help your child choose books that are appropriate to their skill level and encourage them to read stories they find interesting. Complete the reading log for each book that's read. Below are some titles that are popular for second grade students. These titles are for independent reading or reading aloud.

- 26 Fairmont Avenue by Tomie DePaola
- A-Z Mystery Series by Ron Roy
- The Dogman Series by Dave Pilkey
- The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
- Geronimo Stilton Series by Geronimo Stilton
- Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
- Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- Houndsley and Catina Series by James Howe
- I Am Batman by Catherine Hapka
- First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg
- Junie B. Jones Series by Barbara Park
- Bad Kitty: School Daze by Nick Bruel
- Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
- Stellanuna by Janell Cannon
- Corduroy by Don Freeman

- The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra Barracca
- Harry The Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
- The Box Car Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- The Snowy Day by Ezra Keats
- The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry
- The Teacher from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler

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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 a special gift/prize from your classroom teacher. Choose from the activities listed below:

- Create a timeline for the events in the story.
- 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.

PCA Summer ACE Third Grade Level Suggested Reading/Book List

(Read at least 3 and complete 3 extension activities to earn a 100% extra credit grade)

Dear Parents of Incoming Third Grade Students,

Students should continue to practice reading throughout the summer. We suggest reading for at least 20-30 minutes per day. Please have your child choose books appropriate to their reading skill level as well as books that appeal to them. Students may choose books that are not on this list, preferably chapter books, but here are a few suggestions that are popular for this grade level. These books are suggested for independent reading or read aloud.

- Animal Ark Series by Ben Baglio
- Arthur Series by Marc Brown
- Baby Mouse Series by Jennifer and Matthew Holm
- Smile by Raina Telgemeir
- Bad Kitty Series by Nick Bruel
- Back to School, Mallory by Laurie Friedman
- Sisters by Raina Telgemeir
- Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler
- The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey
- Charlotte's Web by E.B White
- Geronimo Stilton Series by Geronimo Stilton
- A Fine, Fine School by Sharon Creech
- The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

- I Survived Series by Laren Tarshis
- The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors by Drew Daywalt

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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 a special gift/prize from your classroom teacher. Choose from the activities listed below:

- Create a timeline for the events in the story.
- 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.
- Write a 5-10 sentence summary for the book.

PCA Summer ACE Fourth Grade Level Suggested Reading/Book List

**(Read at least 3 and complete 3 activities to earn
a 100% extra credit grade in language)**

Dear Parents of Incoming Fourth Grade Students,

Students always need to practice skills to be successful and in the same way, reading also takes time and practice. Students should continue to read during the summer to sharpen their vocabulary and comprehension skills. Please have your child choose books that are appropriate to their reading skill level as well as books that they like! Below are suggestions that are popular reads for this grade level. If you wish to look up the reading level of a book, you can consult the AR list online at www.arbookfind.com. We suggest that students read 20-30 minutes a day or more. Always remember that “slow and steady wins the race!”

- A Cricket in Times Square by George Seldan
- Wonder by R.J Palacio
- American Girl Series by Various Authors
- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillio
- An American Spring: Sofia’s Immigrant Diary by Kathryn Lasky
- Anastasia Series by Lois Lowry
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshis
- Angelina’s Silver Locket by Katharine Holabird
- Attaboy, Sam! By Lois Lowry
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Here Where the Sunbeams are Green by Helen Phillips
- Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang by Mordecai Richler
- Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor

- Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald
- Dork Diaries Series by Rachel Russell
- Little House on the Prairie Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte
- Stone Fox by John Gardiner
- One Thousand Tracings by Lita Judge
- Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat
- The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series by Rick Riordan
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Pippi's Extraordinary Ordinary Day by Astrid Lindgren
- Puppies on Parade by Marcia Thornton Jones
- Ramona Series by Beverly Cleary

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- 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.

- Write a 5-10 sentence summary for the book.

PCA Summer ACE Fifth Grade Level Suggested Reading/Book List

(Read at least 3 and complete 3 extension activities to earn a 100% extra credit grade)

Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Students,

Reading is a very important skill for all students and should be practiced throughout the summer as they head into fifth grade and beyond. Students should begin to enjoy pleasure reading by this age as well as understanding it's necessity for living life to the absolute fullest. Skill practice is very important in many areas and reading isn't an exception to this. Students should be reading a minimum of 20-30 minutes per day this summer. Below is a list of popular books for fifth grade students. Make sure your student chooses books on their skill level. Not too easy, not too difficult! If you need lists, you can consult arbookfind.com.

- A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
- Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
- Restart by Gordon Korman
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- Frindle by Andrew Clements
- From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- Great Illustrated Classics Series
- Haunted Waters by Jerry Jenkins
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
- James and the Giant Peach By Roald Dahl

- Esperanza Rising by Pam Ryan
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Keepers of the School Series by Andrew Clements
- Landry News by Andrew Clements
- Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Curtis
- Lunch Money by Andrew Clements
- Freak The Mighty/The Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Narnia Series by C.S Lewis
- McGrowl: Beware of Dog Series by Bob Balaban
- My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
- Nancy Drew Series By Caroline Keene
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
- The Report Card by Andrew Clements
- The Runaway Dolls Series by Ann Martin
- The School Story by Andrew Clements

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- 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.

Weekly Scripture and Devotional

Developing the discipline of regular devotions and Bible study is critical to our growth in character and faith. 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. For a chance to receive extra credit in Bible class, please complete and return to your teacher. Use the spaces below to explain how your family participated in the weekly devotionals:

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4: _____

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PCA Summer ACE Website Resource List

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- www.starfall.com
- www.abcya.com
- www.betweenhelions.org
- www.kbears.com
- www.mathfactscafe.com/home
- 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:

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

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.

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:

Points/Award(s)

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- Over 500 - Bookmark and candy (K-2nd grade only)
- Over 1000 - Free ice cream on Friday in lunch
- Over 3000 - Popcorn and juice party
- Over 4000 - 10 AR points to redeem at the AR store
- Over 5000 - \$5 Scholastic book fair gift certificate

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.

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

Summer Reading Challenge Prizes for Elementary and Middle School...

- Top Reader in each class - Ice cream party
- First place Top Reader in PCA - \$15 gift certificate for Barnes & Noble
- Second place Top Reader in PCA - \$10 gift certificate for Barnes & Noble
- Third place Top Reader in PCA - \$5 gift certificate for Barnes & 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!***

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".

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