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Dear Washington Families,

The summer break from school is most often associated with a sense of freedom, play, relaxation, and leisure. Learning often pauses for students, and studies show that many students experience a loss of learning and decline in academic skills, often referred to as a “summer slide.” We encourage our students to continue their academics over the summer to lessen potential learning loss and be ready for the start of the 2024-25 school year.

Romeo Community Schools is dedicated to supporting our students and best preparing them for a successful 2024-2025 school year. We strongly encourage our students to **continue practicing the skills** they have worked so hard to develop throughout this school year, to **read regularly**, and to engage in **learning activities that spark their interest** in order to continue their learning this summer. All of our students were also sent home with a Summer Bridge Book to keep their skills sharp. Students who return this completed in the fall receive a special surprise from Mrs Matczak.

Many typical family activities can also be rich learning opportunities. From creating a nature journal to trying some kitchen chemistry, there are so many ways to make learning fun and interactive throughout the summer. For activity ideas and tips on how to bring learning into the fold of everyday life, check out [Startwithabook.org](https://startwithabook.org).

On the next page, you’ll find online and printable resources that we have compiled to support your child’s summer learning. This is also posted on our Washington Elementary webpage. You may want to bookmark sites of interest to help your child access them easily as part of a daily summer routine. Happy summer learning; we look forward to hearing about all our students’ summer experiences in the fall.

With Washington Pride,

Dana Hepner
Principal, Washington Elementary



Romeo Community Schools Elementary Summer Learning Resources

Online Programs for Continued Practice

Your student has accounts for several learning practice programs, which we encourage them to continue to utilize throughout the summer to keep basic skills sharp.

[RAZ Kids](#) and [EPIC](#) (Online Reading)

[Zearn](#) (Math)

[IXL](#) (Math)

[Khan Academy](#) (Math and More)

Promote a Love of Reading

Reading daily stimulates a child's curiosity, expands their understanding of the world, builds fluency and vocabulary, and helps them to grow as readers and writers. Over the summer months, children should read for pleasure, because if they enjoy reading, they'll read more often. You may find the resources below helpful to promoting daily reading at home.

[Romeo District Library Summer Offerings](#)

- Online Summer Reading Program: Students can register and track reading time to earn prizes from Jun. 15 - Aug. 7.
- Free tutoring available
- Many downloadable ebooks, audiobooks, music, and movies are available with a library card.

Printable Reading Comprehension Worksheets

[Grades K-2 Reading Comprehension](#)

[Grades 2-5 Reading Comprehension](#)

[Michigan eLibrary](#)

Online encyclopedias and informational eBook collections on a wide range of topics and interests.

[Storyline Online](#)

Read-alouds of popular children's books.

[Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge](#)

A free program to read online, play reading games, and track reading.

Explore STEM!

When students engage in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics, they strengthen their ability to think critically, develop problem solving skills, and connect learning to the real world. STEM is creative and fun!

Printable Math Worksheets

[Printable Zearn worksheets](#) coordinate with our math curriculum.

[YOUCUBED Math Challenges](#)

Online and printable math activities to promote critical thinking.

[Greg Tang Math Games](#)

Online games that are fun and challenging for the brain.

[Family STEM Activities](#)

Online and printable STEM activities for the family.

[Science Experiments for Kids](#)

Hands-on investigations to try at home.

[Virtual Field Trips](#)

Explore the world through free virtual field trips.

[Detroit Institute of Arts at Home](#)

Online access to the DIA's collection and family art projects.



**Romeo Community Schools
Elementary Summer Learning Resources**

Romeo students continue to have access to their Zearn, IXL, RAZ Kids, and other online learning accounts over the summer for continued academic Practice.

**Scan the QR Code below to access clickable links to
Summer Learning Resources
for your student:**



**And...
Remember to Read!**

The Romeo District Library Summer
Reading Program is on now!

