

SUMMER LEARNING TOOLKIT

At ConnCAN, we strive to inform families about educational opportunities. While summer is an important time for students to recharge, it's also a time to reinforce learning and prepare for the academic year ahead. We hope you find the resources below helpful in maximizing fun and learning for your child this summer.



How does my students' school perform academically and how do I learn more about the school they attend?

Families can find school, district and student data through EdSight, Connecticut's official source for education data. [Visit EdSight now](#). If you would like assistance gathering data, we are happy to help. Please email info@conncan.org.



This summer we recommend the following 3 steps to discover where your child is academically, how to plan your route ahead and utilize resources to keep your child learning this summer.

Step 1: Know Where You Are and How to Proceed

Learning Heroes uses national research to inform and equip parents with the knowledge they need to best support their children's educational journey. The [Readiness Check](#) is a quick math and reading review that will allow you to discover where your child is academically and how to proceed accordingly.

Step 2: Expectations

It is also helpful to understand learning expectations for each grade level. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) formulated guides for each grade level that outlines expectations in English language arts, and math. [These guides are available in English and Spanish here](#).

Step 3: Resources

Summer is an important time for children to continue learning and reinforce what they have already learned. Here are a few resources we recommend.

- [Khan Academy](#) - a personalized learning resource, provides activities for each grade level. Create an account and watch your students progress.
- [Learning Heroes: Learning Tools](#) - both parents and students can access resources that students can use throughout the summer.



The Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge

Stressing the importance of maintaining math skills during the summer, schools compete based on student population and grade level. The program identifies the schools with the highest percentage of participating enrollment and the highest number of badges earned by participating students. Connecticut Summer Math Passport Tasks include Beach, Farmer's Market, Gardening, Hiking, Ice cream, Movement, Playground. Registration instructions, district reporting forms and all other materials are available [here](#).



The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge

It's that time of year again to encourage students to participate in CONNECTICUT READS, the 2022 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge! To support summer reading, the Connecticut State Library's statewide eGo eBook platform is now available through many local public libraries, and provides access to digital resources for all ages. For a list of local public libraries currently offering eGo, visit <https://egoct.org/>.

The State of Connecticut sponsors the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge because reading is the most important skill. Research shows that reading is crucial to a child's brain development and intellectual stimulation. Reading opens the door to all other skills. Read every day. Talk about what you're reading. Make reading materials part of your home. For more information about the benefits of reading, check out the State Department of Education's message to parents [here](#).



3 Questions to ask your teacher during summer break

If you have the opportunity to talk with your child's teacher start by asking these questions. A meaningful conversation with your child's teacher can help you ensure your student's summer is enriching and fun.

1. Can you share information about my students' progress?
2. Is there anything specific you would recommend my student work on this summer?
3. What are my students' strengths and weaknesses?



According to the Brown University study on the impact summer learning loss has on K-12 students, the average student lost 17-34% of the previous year's learning gains. This is why it is so important to reinforce learning during the summer.

Parents, you have the power to ensure your child continues to learn this summer. With these resources, you can do just that!

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