Online Educational Resources

Below you will find various educational online resources, each including a short description. Making use of these resources during the summer will help to avoid the "summer slide." Some resources below do require a paid subscription.

https://www.funbrain.com/

Kids in preschool through Grade 8 will love Funbrain, a site that makes developing math, reading and literacy skills fun. Check out games like Math Baseball and Grammar Gorillas. Kids can even read books on the go.

https://www.farfaria.com/

Check out FarFaria, an app that offers unlimited storybooks for bedtime or any time. You can buy a monthly or yearly subscription to the site and then read to your child's heart's content.

https://www.brainpop.com/

BrainPOP's animation brings learning concepts to life for individuals or entire classrooms. Kids learn about historical events, science and even the stock market, all with the help of a plucky robot and his friends.

https://kids.nationalgeographic.com//

Has your child ever asked you a question like, "What are baby penguins called?" Well, National Geographic Kids has the answer! Kids can watch videos, play games, and best of all, learn about animals, nature and the world around them. You know, in case you don't know *everything*!

https://www.abcmouse.com/

It is the most comprehensive learning site on Earth for kids ages 2 to 7. Children can read or listen to books and music, play games and color as they accelerate through customizable learning levels designed by teachers and experts. The site even tracks your child's progress as she learns. You can try out the site for free for a month; after that, there is a monthly subscription fee.

https://pbskids.org/

Students can select games by character, difficulty level or latest available. The site also has a huge library of printables for your child's educational enrichment.

http://www.starfall.com/

The site has been online since 2002 and works with your children through letter recognition all the way through to reading plays, nonfiction, and comics.

http://www.coolmath-games.com/

Children can play online math games that help them with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, money and more. CoolMath is geared toward ages 13 and up, but sister site, CoolMath4Kids.com, is appropriate for ages 3 through 12. CoolMath-Games.com includes math games for preschoolers.

https://www.timeforkids.com/

From the publishers of TIME magazine, TIME for Kids is loaded with interesting articles, photos, and videos. Politics, the environment, entertainment, sports, and health are just some of the topics covered. TIME for Kids isn't as interactive as most of the other website on this list of educational websites for kids, but the site does tackle subjects that are in the news now while being written for an audience of children.

https://www.howstuffworks.com/

When your child wants to know why the sky is blue, how a tornado forms, or any number of other questions she can come up with on a daily basis, head on over to How Stuff Works. The articles break down subjects like autos, culture, entertainment, science, money, technology and more. Games, quizzes, and videos also rounds out their learning experience.

https://www.scholastic.com/

Scholastic is one of the more unique educational websites for kids. This site, from the publishers of the educational books you find in schools, contains activities broken up by grades. Pre-K learners all the way up to seniors in high school can find learning activities geared toward them.

https://discoverykids.ph/

Why do we need trees? Are jellyfish fish? Who travels with the president? These are just a few of the facts your kids can learn on the Discovery Channel's site for children. Games, puzzles, activities, and quizzes get kids involved in learning something new without it feeling like work.

https://schools.duolingo.com/

Over 200 million people around the world use Duolingo to help them learn languages. The fun, game-like lessons keep students motivated and excited about language. Best of all, as studies by the city University of New York and others have shown – it really works!

http://www.storylineonline.net/

A terrific site with stories read by famous actors from the ScreenActors' Guild. Recommended for students in grades K-4.

https://kidsknowit.com/videos/

This website contains educational videos for students in grades 3-6. You will find videos on topics such as, astronomy, biology, geography, geology, history, and math.

http://www.thestorystarter.com/jr.htm

Selected as one of the 10 best websites for writers by *Writer's Digest Magazine*, Story Starter Jr. generates a random story starter to get kids' imaginations kick-started and help them to create a story of their own.

https://www.highlightskids.com/

The website is equally as fun as the activities featured in their monthly print magazine. Resources include animated stories, a poetry maker and a section where kids can send in their work and be featured on the website.

https://www.kiddle.co/

Kiddle is a kid-safe search engine powered by Google. Searches will result in safe websites written specifically for kids. The websites are handpicked and checked by Kiddle editors. This is a great tool for students to use when conducting research!

http://www.summerreading.org/

A website hosted by the public libraries of New York, Brooklyn, and Queens. This website suggests bilingual books and activities for kids, teens, and adults, as well as other online resources.

https://www.mobymax.com/

An outstanding online resources that offers a free math, language, and reading curriculum for students in grades K-8. For use at home, register and choose "Homeschool."

http://studyjams.scholastic.com/studyjams/index.htm

Kids can learn simple and complex math and science concepts on StudyJams! Science topics range from chemistry and the human body to weather. Most activities require a mix of content knowledge, which kids are introduced to through animated demos and quizzing.

https://www.flocabulary.com/

Flocabulary is a learning program for all grades that uses educational hip-hop music to engage students and increase achievement across the curriculum.

https://www.learning.com/

From keyboarding and word processing, to computational thinking and coding, digital literacy skills are needed more than ever. Learning.com makes it easy to teach students the critical digital literacy skills they must have to succeed on online assessments, college and their future careers. (Free Demo available)

Online Educational Resources for Use Through SSO

There is much available through your child's SSO account! Below are a few resources...

<u>Gale Online Database and eBooks</u> – Online resources, academic databases, numerous eBooks, and more:

- Login to SSO
- Click on Online Student Textbooks
- Click on Library/Media
- Click on Gale
- Click on Home Access (Make note of the Password shown under this link)
- Click on Elementary School
 - Type Eagle Point
- Click on Kids Info Bits (located on the right)
- Type the Password
- You can search for the eBooks
 - Students have the ability to highlight the text, which will then be automatically sent to their Notes.

<u>Britannica Online Encyclopedia</u> – Online resources including articles, videos, and images, and LOTS more:

- Login to SSO
- Click on Online Student Textbooks
- Click on Library/Media
- Click on Britannica
- Click on Home Access (Make note of the Username and Password shown under this link)
- Type the Username and Password
- Click on Elementary
- You can search for a topic or click on topic provided
- All articles can be instantly translated into various languages (Dual Language benefit!)
- Click on Britannica Learning Zone
 - Perfect for PK-K or ESOL learners
- Great resource for student research!

<u>Tumble Book Library</u> – This online collection offers animated, talking picture books with puzzles and quizzes:

- Login to SSO
- Click on Online Student Textbooks
- Click on Library/Media
- Click on TumbleBook Library
- Click on Home Access (Make note of the Username and Password shown under this link)
- Type the Username and Password to get full access to all ebooks and videos

Don't forget...iReady is available for use during the summer!