



ROCKY HILL COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2021 Lower School Summer Reading/Home Activities Fall Books, Supplies & Materials

Summer Reading

Reading is one of the best summer (or any time) activities whether done independently, being read to, or reading to someone throughout the summer months. RHCD strongly recommends daily reading which helps students hone important skills developed during the school year, use and acquire background knowledge, as well as allow their imaginations to soar!

Each Lower School student brought home a canvas book bag filled with everything they need for family focused summer reading fun! The bag included a personalized "Celebrate Summer Reading Plan", a brochure explaining our summer reading program, some donated summer reading books for your child to add to their home libraries, and a book worm magnet.

How can you celebrate reading as a family this summer?

1. Read through the #RHCDCelebratesSummerReading brochure to understand our vision for summer reading and for some fun ideas for celebrating reading as a family!
2. Start off the summer by having your child decorate/personalize their canvas bag with fabric markers or sharpies.
3. Use the bookworm magnet to attach your child's summer reading plan to the refrigerator. This plan lets you know when, where, what, and how your child wants to read this summer. Review the plan with your child and follow their lead. If they are reluctant to read, start by reading a book together as a family each day.
4. Check out the [summer reading tab on the RHCD Library website](#) for some great summer reading suggestions.
5. Consider joining the summer reading program at your local library.
6. Share photos of your family's summer reading adventures by emailing them to wgustavel@rockyhill.org or posting them on social media and tagging them with #RHCDCelebratesSummerReading. When deciding when and where to read, "THINK OUTSIDE"!



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When students return to school in the summer, they should bring their canvas book bag with them (we will use it for book check out next year) and be prepared to share a favorite summer reading memory with their Lower School friends during our back-to-school summer reading celebration! If you have any questions, contact Mrs. G. at wgustavel@rockyhill.org.

Summer Home Activities

With the importance of students taking a well-deserved break to rejuvenate after a busy school year, be sure to provide opportunities for your child to play, engage their imagination, and enjoy the real-world learning surrounding them that is meaningful and lasting. Summertime provides a wealth of fun, enriching, and easy-to-access learning opportunities for children and adults. Meaningful learning across many disciplines transpires naturally when children are engaging with friends, participating in a variety of physical activities, exploring in the woods or at the beach, writing letters and sending postcards about summer vacation destinations or from your own backyard, keeping a writing and/or illustration journal depicting summer experiences, making lemonade and selling it at their own lemonade stand, visiting and conversing with relatives (young and old), as well as simply enjoying a day off.

[The Crush of Summer Homework](#)

Though general recommendations may be made by classroom teachers for student review and practice, no formal grade-level summer assignments are given. We challenge our Lower School students to extend and apply their knowledge and skills, as well as to seek and create their own teachable moments! If additional practice is requested, our Lower School students will continue to have access to LEXIA and IXL throughout the summer. Additional content-area games and apps for children are also available. **Remember to keep it relaxed and enjoyable!**

[10 fun ways to keep your child learning this summer](#)

[25 Activities to Keep Kids' Brains Active in Summer](#)

[Ideas for Active Summer Learning](#)

[Simple Tips for Summer Math Learning](#)

[The 8 Best Math Apps for Kids Plus links to other games and apps!](#)

[There's Nothing To Do](#)

[Summer Learning Activities for Kids](#)



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Summer Mindfulness

Be sure you and your child also get the most out of special summer experiences by consciously “being in the moment”. Our school-wide commitment to mindfulness should not be overlooked during the summer months. Mindfulness practices are vital to getting the most out of the restorative benefits of a summer routine, especially if a busy one is expected! Keep in mind, these practices can be quiet, peaceful and reflective, as well as those requiring movement and more active participation and focus. The physical and emotional benefits of mindfulness are good for the body and the brain of all ages!

[10 Mindful Summer Activities to Do With Your Kids](#)

[A Mindful Summer Bucket List](#)

[6 Mindfulness Activities You Can Do as a Family: Want to make mindfulness a family priority? Bring focus and peace with these powerful practices.](#)

[Mindfulness Activities for Kids and Parents](#)

[15 Mindfulness Activities for Kids...That They'll Love!](#)

2021-22 Books, Supplies & Materials

Books

Relevant books will be ordered by RHCD classroom teachers, including those based on student assessments.

Supplies & Materials

Preschool-Grade 2: Classroom supplies and materials are ordered by RHCD.

Grades 3-5: Except for a few specific items that will be ordered directly by RHCD, the *Grades 3-5 Supply List for Families to Select & Purchase* will be distributed via email as part of the Lower School Summer Letter by the end of July.