

Dear Westover Students,

This summer we hope that you will engage in many fun and relaxing activities including reading and writing! Please use the attached postage paid postcard to tell us about the best book you read this summer. On the reverse side of the postcard, draw a picture of your favorite part of the book. Then, mail it to us at Westover. All postcards that are returned will be displayed on our school bulletin board for you to see when you return in the fall. We can't wait to see what your favorite summer read was!

Additionally, below you will find a list of suggested reading and writing activities to keep you sharp all summer long! Don't forget to check out the literacy websites to read books online, play games, and practice language skills.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Patel



## SUMMER READING & WRITING

You've heard of the expression "If you don't use it, you'll lose it." That's certainly true for reading. Don't fall into "summer slide" and let all your hard earned reading skills regress. Children that read and write over the summer months not only maintain their reading skills but often may even manage to improve them! Check out all the other ways to stay engaged in literacy activities below.





1. Join the Montgomery County Public Libraries Summer Reading Program--"A Universe of Stories" Participation is free, easy, and you can win cool prizes and badges! Check out the book lists by grade level.

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/programs/summer-read-and-learn.html>

<https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/readinglistsbygrade>

2. Keep a diary of your summer trips and experiences. You can even add photographs.
3. Keep a writing journal. Write about anything. See the July writing calendar for ideas.
4. Stay in touch with family and friends. Write them an email or letter.
5. Start a book club with some friends. Read and discuss books together!
6. Make or do something! Books can teach you everything from how to draw a dinosaur, cooking a meal, to planting your own garden.
7. Play board games like Scrabble, Apples to Apples, Boggle, Don't Say It, Taboo Junior, Zingo.
8. Read and/or play literacy games online.
9. Visit the zoo, aquarium, museum, or nature centers. Observe what you see and ask questions. Research areas of interest to learn more and become an "expert."

# July Writing Prompts

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
	Today is the halfway point of the year! What was your favorite day of 2019 so far? What happened? <b>1</b>	Write a funny story about a dog that sits at the dinner table for meals. <b>2</b>	This summer, I am going to learn how to... <b>3</b>	Explain what the 4th of July means to you. <b>4</b>	If I could invent a new flavor of ice cream, it would be... <b>5</b>	If you could have any animal for a pet, what would it be and why? <b>6</b>
Name one thing you like about yourself. Why do you like it? <b>7</b>	You're going on a road trip! What do you bring? <b>8</b>	Design your own tree house. What will it look like, and what will you put in it? <b>9</b>	This summer, I hope I am lucky enough to... <b>10</b>	You've just won the talent show! What did you do to win? <b>11</b>	If you were a teacher, which subject would you teach? <b>12</b>	What is your favorite outdoor summer activity? <b>13</b>
If cats could talk, they would say... <b>14</b>	Describe the best meal you've ever eaten. <b>15</b>	Which would you rather be—super-strong or super-fast? Why? <b>16</b>	Design your perfect birthday party. <b>17</b>	Describe something you're really good at. <b>18</b>	The three things I appreciate most about my family are... <b>19</b>	If I had wings like a hummingbird, I would fly to... <b>20</b>
Imagine you have a pet monkey! What do you do with it? <b>21</b>	You find shoes that turn you into a giant! What will you do? <b>22</b>	What do you want to be when you grow up? Why? <b>23</b>	Imagine you're an animal at the zoo. Write about the day you escape! <b>24</b>	Write a different ending to your favorite book. <b>25</b>	What is something you do that makes people laugh? <b>26</b>	Someone who can always make me laugh when I'm sad is ____ because... <b>27</b>
Write a poem about a sunny day. <b>28</b>	Explain how to fly a kite to someone who has never done it before... <b>29</b>	If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? <b>30</b>	I laughed so hard when... <b>31</b>			

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Click the link to view this calendar.

<https://s7d2.scene7.com/is/content/OCProduction/content/worksheets/julWritingPrompts19.pdf>

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# Literacy Websites for Grades K-2

	<p><a href="https://www.abcya.com/">https://www.abcya.com/</a></p>	<p>Games are categorized by grade and subject, and cover topics such as parts of speech, typing, pattern recognition, and more.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.starfall.com/">http://www.starfall.com/</a></p>	<p>Reading games, stories, and activities for those learning to read and reading.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.mightybook.com/">http://www.mightybook.com/</a></p>	<p>Learn to read with stories, songs, jokes, games, and more.</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/resources/free-resources/printables">https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/resources/free-resources/printables</a></p>	<p>Print stories and activities to keep your literacy skills sharp.</p>
	<p><a href="http://tumblebooks.com">http://tumblebooks.com</a></p>	<p>Read books online. Access through WES</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.storylineonline.net/">http://www.storylineonline.net/</a></p>	<p>Listen to popular stories read aloud by famous actors.</p>

## Literacy Websites for Grades 3-5

<p>Free Rice</p>	<p><a href="https://beta.freerice.com/?utm_source=freerice&amp;utm_medium=link&amp;utm_campaign=summer_beta&amp;utm_content=about_page">https://beta.freerice.com/?utm_source=freerice&amp;utm_medium=link&amp;utm_campaign=summer_beta&amp;utm_content=about_page</a></p>	<p>Sharpen your vocabulary while saving and changing lives.</p>
<p>Poetry4kids</p>	<p><a href="https://www.poetry4kids.com/">https://www.poetry4kids.com/</a></p>	<p>Read and write poetry. Play word games.</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.vocabulary.co.il/">https://www.vocabulary.co.il/</a></p>	<p>1000 free English building vocabulary games</p>
	<p><a href="http://tumblebooks.com">http://tumblebooks.com</a></p>	<p>Read books online. Use the link from Westover Elementary's website.</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/resources/free-resources/printables">https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/resources/free-resources/printables</a></p>	<p>Print stories and activities to keep your literacy skills sharp.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.storylineonline.net">http://www.storylineonline.net</a></p>	<p>Listen to popular stories read aloud by famous actors.</p>
	<p><a href="https://reading.ecb.org/student/visualizing/index.html">https://reading.ecb.org/student/visualizing/index.html</a></p>	<p>Practice reading strategies</p>