



# Abington Heights School District

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May 2023

Hello Abington Heights Kindergarten Families,

Our school community is fortunate to have families who are engaged in their student's education and supporting their academic journey. To help sustain and continue your student's growth in Reading and Science over the course of the summer, we are providing families with some suggested opportunities to share in the learning adventure.

Attached you will find suggested activities that will promote literacy, numeracy, and scientific creative thinking. We hope that you enjoy these experiences with your students!

- ★ Summer Reading
- ★ Summer STEM

Should you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts, please reach out to your building principal. We look forward to welcoming your students to the 2023 - 2024 school year on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

With appreciation,

*Dr. Maggie Vitale*

Maggie Vitale, Ed.D

Assistant Superintendent



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Dear Parents of Current Abington Heights Elementary Students Grades K-1,

Your child has made wonderful progress this school year in reading. We would like to support you as a family to keep that positive momentum moving forward. We feel that summer reading assignments help to promote learning and continue to build students' reading stamina.

For current elementary students in grades K-1:

- Students may read books all summer of their choosing.
- Students should complete the attached reading log.
- This is not a formal assignment, but a suggestion to support literacy in our youngest readers. When your child completes this list and brings it into school the first week of school, he/she will earn school based rewards for participation.

We would like to offer some suggestions:

- The Abington Community Library is prepared to assist in book selection, if families would like to make use of this great community resource. In addition, the library has a wonderful incentive based summer reading program that we recommend.
- Book selection is incredibly important. Please choose books that are engaging and age-appropriate for your children.
- Consider having students read together as an informal book club to promote learning and collaborative reading.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your building principal.

Thank you,

Mrs. Kelly Coyne  
*South Abington*

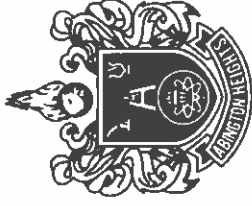
Mr. Mario Emiliani  
*Clarks Summit Elementary Principal*

Mrs. Bridget Frounfelker  
*Newton-Ransom Elementary Principal*

Mrs. Colleen Leonard  
*Waverly Elementary Principal*



Abington Heights Elementary  
Daily Reading Log Grades 1-2



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Title of Book Read	Parent/ Guardian Initial

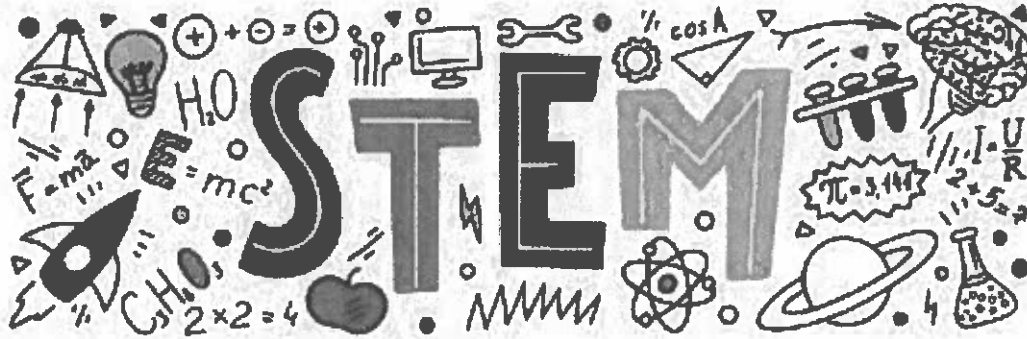
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Hello Abington Heights Families,

To help promote STEM learning with our students, Mrs. Hooker has developed a Summer STEM Choice Board. On this board, there are nine (9) activities on this choice board. As a family, you can choose one, a few, or all of them! We hope that you find these activities engaging, stimulating for creative thinking, and thought-provoking!

When your child returns to school in September, please have him / her submit the Summer STEM Choice Board to their teacher. Students will earn Comet Cash for completing the following number of activities:

- 1: Five Comet Cash
- 3: 10 Comet Cash
- 6: 15 Comet Cash
- 9: 20 Comet Cash and a Summer STEM Champion Certificate

We ask that an adult family member please initials and dates the box over the choices that were completed. Thank you for your continued support of your child's academic journey!

With appreciation,  
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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

# SUMMER STEM CHOICE BOARD

With your parents permission, pick some of the choices off of our Summer STEM Choice Boards to review our STEM knowledge this summer. Have fun exploring with some different activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

<p><b>CHOICE ONE</b> It's time to design your own shoe. Use recyclable materials and the design process to create the latest summer fashion. (<a href="http://www.pbiskids.org/designsquad/build">www.pbiskids.org/designsquad/build</a>)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE FOUR</b> Use internet resources to make the best and farthest paper airplane. Test them outside on a nice, sunny day!</p>	<p><b>CHOICE SEVEN</b> Want to keep your icy treats cold on a hot summer day? Build a better lunchbox to keep your treats cold! (<a href="http://www.pbiskids.org/designsquad/build">www.pbiskids.org/designsquad/build</a>)</p>
<p><b>CHOICE TWO</b> Use your science and observation skills on a nice summer day by creating your own science journal. Collect items from nature, use the internet to research, and add them to your journal.</p>	<p><b>CHOICE FIVE</b> Rainy day? Download some free coding apps to practice coding skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scratch JR (Android, IOS)</li> <li>• Kodable (IOS)</li> <li>• Bee-Bot (IOS)</li> <li>• Lightbot (Android, IOS)</li> <li>• Algorithm City (Android, IOS)</li> <li>• Tynker (IOS, Android)</li> </ul>	<p><b>CHOICE EIGHT</b> Have a juicy watermelon? Take the seeds outside and see how far we can spit them out. Then measure and see who spit them out the farthest.</p>
<p><b>CHOICE THREE</b> Have something to celebrate this summer? Make a confetti launcher to make your celebration a little more special! (<a href="http://www.pbiskids.org/designsquad/build">www.pbiskids.org/designsquad/build</a>)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE SIX</b> Another rainy day? Have some fun inside with creating your own indoor slingshot using some recyclable materials. (<a href="http://www.pbiskids.org/designsquad/build">www.pbiskids.org/designsquad/build</a>)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE NINE</b> Use a magnifying glass and some ice for this activity. On a sunny day, use the magnifying glass and time how long it will take for the ice to melt, by putting it under the magnifying glass.</p>