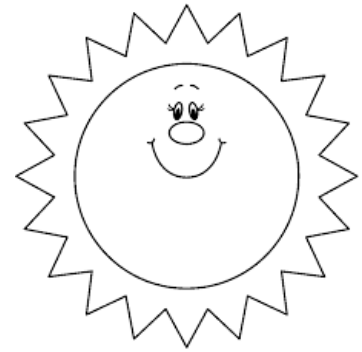


# Summer Activity Ideas

CedarWood Christian Academy  
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## Welcome to Summer!

Summer tends to be a more relaxed time of the year with the warm weather, vacations, and the kids having endless hours to creatively occupy. In an attempt to use the summer time we have wisely and continue the learning of our students, we have created a list of activities for each incoming grade. In this packet you will find a grade specific list as well as some other resources that may be useful to your family this summer.

Please help your child set aside time each day to spend alone with Jesus. They may want to keep a journal of the things they are praying for and the words and pictures God gives to them. Look for opportunities to grow as a family in your love for Jesus.

Continue to develop your child's heart for those around them. You may want to use a free program from the Center for Missions Mobilization called *Weave*, [weavefamily.org](http://weavefamily.org). Each week the site is updated with new activities for the week including stories about children around the world, recipes from that area, hands-on devotions, prayer points and more.

Your student was also given a booklet to guide them through the *30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World*. Take time as a family to pray together for Jesus' love to spread to Muslim peoples around the world.

It never hurts to review math facts, maybe in the car as you run errands, quiz them on their addition facts or division facts and they have to answer immediately to get a point. Even "big" kids need this review.

One of the best things you can do this summer is read. Every student should be reading daily. We also suggest you set aside an evening as Book Night where there's no electronics allowed and every member of the family reads a book (either out loud or to themselves). Maybe make some lemonade and enjoy reading together outside.

Most of all enjoy your summer. We pray it is a refreshing time full of growth. We look forward to seeing you Friday, August 25, for the first day of the 2017-2018 school year.

God bless you!

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## Incoming Kindergarten

- Finger paint and practice saying the names of the colors you use. (You can bring it to your teacher the first day of school, if you want to.)
- Play with sand.
- Visit The Children's Museum.
- Visit your local library for Story Time.
- Celebrate the 4th of July. Join your neighborhood parade and take a picture!
- Decorate cookies.
- Learn to button and zip your clothes.
- Make a Father's Day card.
- Learn the name of your city.
- Go for a walk and then draw a picture of one of the things you saw.
- Have someone read you a story. When finished, tell a different ending to the story.
- Hang a white sheet outside at night, shine a light on it and observe the different type of insects that land there.
- Play Simon Says
- Complete simple puzzles
- Practice counting to ten using your fingers and toes
- Shine a flashlight against a wall in a dark room and make shadows with your hands.

## Incoming First Grade

- Jump rope.
- Roller skate.
- Ride a bike.
- Practice neat handwriting. Write a letter to someone special.
- Read, Read, Read!
- Write short sentences.
- Distinguish right from left.
- Tell someone the months of the year and days of the week.
- Tie your shoes.
- Use finger paint to write the upper case and lower case of each letter.
- Visit the Library.
- Make up a rap with the sounds of each letter and the short and long vowel sounds
- Work on math addition & subtraction facts.
- Draw pictures using only squares, rectangles & triangles.
- Do five Sit-Ups and five Push-Ups.
- Set the table every day for your family's meal together.
- Make up a worship song and sing it to Jesus.
- Learn your address and phone number.

## Incoming Second Grade

- Tie your shoes.
- Write weekly journal entries.
- Read the Bible and spend time talking and listening to Jesus.
- Visit the Library – write a paragraph about the book you read.
- Write a song.
- Count the change your mom gets back at the store. Show her you know the value of a penny, nickel, dime and quarter.
- Take swimming lessons.
- Have someone quiz you on the addition and subtraction facts for the 0-10 families
- Picnic at the park.
- Read a chapter book.
- Bake cupcakes.
- Count by two's, five's and ten's as you do jumping jacks. See how high you can go before you have to stop!
- Measure the heights of everyone in your family and compare.
- Make a milkshake.

- Write a letter to your grandma and show her you know how to use periods and question marks.
- Visit the zoo – write something interesting about two animals.
- Read, Read, Read!
- Make it your job to clear the table after your family's meal together.
- Read time on an analog clock to the hour and the half-hour

## Incoming Third Grade

- Go to the Library – Read a book a week.
- Review addition, subtraction, multiplication and division family of facts.
- Exercise – Ride your bike.
- Play Hop Scotch & skip rope.
- Memorize all the states and capitals. Look for license plates from each state when you're in the car.
- Write a list of things to do for each letter in the word SUMMER.
- Do your Quiet Time every day. God is still working in the summer.
- Help out around the house: take out the trash, make your bed daily, learn how to clean the bathroom, put away your laundry yourself, etc.
- Write a letter to an out-of-town relative, address the envelope and send it.
- Create a mural outside using chalk to tell a short story.
- Become an UNO champion. Challenge everyone to a game.

## Incoming Fourth Grade

- Review your times tables. Become a multiplication and division champion by saying all the multiplication facts in less than a minute!
- Go to the Library – Read one book a week.
- Exercise – Ride your Bike.
- Do your Quiet Time every day. God is still working in the summer.
- Follow a recipe to make something for your family.
- Become a Chess Pro and challenge your family to a game of chess.
- Take a walk & sketch your favorite scene.
- Jump rope for three minutes. Measure your heart rate before and after.
- Be a movie critic. Write a review of a movie you've watched.
- Clean up your yard and/or clean up after your pet.
- Learn to do your own laundry.
- Play Mad Libs, Yahtzee and Scrabble.
- Try to find license plates for all fifty states as you ride in the car. Keep track and name the capital of each state.
- Practice greeting people in different languages.
- Design different types of paper airplanes and fly them. Graph how far each one went and figure out which is the best design.

## Incoming Fifth Grade

- Review your times tables.
- Go to the library. Read one book a week.
- Exercise. Ride a bike.
- Create a bumper sticker advertising Colorado.
- Plan breakfast, lunch and dinner using the USDA's MyPlate as a guide.
- Write a friendly letter to someone out-of-state, address the envelope and send.
- Do Your Quiet Time each day. God is still working during the summer.
- Catch a moth or a butterfly and see how long you can keep it alive.
- Write a worship song from one of the verses you read in your quiet time. Set it to a melody so you can sing it back to the Lord.
- Create a line graph of the high temperatures for a week.
- Make up a melody with your recorder and set your multiplication facts to it.
- Go on a prayer walk in your neighborhood.
- Bake cookies for your Sunday School teacher.
- Teach someone younger than you how to do something you enjoy (climb a tree, draw an animal, dance, etc.)

## Incoming Sixth Grade

- Read, read, read – books at least 150 pages long.
- Play soccer.
- Make dessert for your family following a recipe.
- Have your Quiet Time every day.
- Make up a song using your multiplication and division facts and teach it to someone younger than you.
- Learn a musical instrument (if you can't have lessons, watch tutorials on youtube).
- Ride your bike.
- Learn the Presidents of the US and create a poster with a fun fact about each one.
- Visit a park with your camera and take close-up pictures of nature.
- Figure out how many minutes of summer break you have.
- Put on a puppet show for your neighbors.
- Go to the park and see how many birds you can identify.
- Figure out the sales tax for something you would like to buy.
- Learn to jump rope "double-dutch" style.

## Incoming Seventh Grade

- Clean out your closet and put your things away neatly.
- Read, read, read – books at least 150 pages long.
- Run to increase stamina for soccer.
- Make dinner for your family.
- Learn to Beat Box.
- Create a scrapbook of your pet.
- Have your Quiet Time every day.
- Write a thank you note to someone in your family.
- Plan a cultural night for your family: prepare food and share facts from a different country. End the night by praying for this country.
- Measure the area of your yard to the nearest square foot.
- Design a theme park. Sketch it out and name it.
- Mow your lawn.
- Practice typing on a computer keyboard without looking at the letters. How fast can you get?
- Listen to news and discuss it at dinner.
- Challenge a family member to flashcard face-off using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division flashcards. The loser buys ice cream.

## Incoming Eighth Grade

- Read, read, read – books at least 150 pages long.
- Run to increase stamina for soccer.
- Practice typing properly.
- Organize your belongings and keep your room neat.
- Ride your bike.
- Learn to make a 3 point shot in basketball.
- Create a harmonica from Popsicle sticks. See how many other household items can be used to make instruments and form a band with your siblings and friends.
- Pick a destination that you can go for a day trip with your family. Map out the route and make a list of the things you will do once you arrive. Estimate the cost of the trip by figuring out the mileage (\$0.50 per mile) and cost of activities.
- Make edible play-doh with your younger siblings.
- Be responsible for figuring out the tip every time your family goes out to eat.
- Do your own laundry and ironing.
- Volunteer at your church's Vacation Bible School Program.
- Learn an instrument. Watch tutorials on youtube if you can't have lessons.

## Incoming & Current High School

- Take Driver's Ed / Read the Colorado Handbook for Motorists.
- Take a free ACT or SAT Preparation Test.
- Write a short story with alternate endings.
- Learn to play guitar or keyboard. Get a guitar at a second-hand store and learn a few chords.
- Make a Power Point or Prezi describing yourself and your likes.
- Exercise – ride your bike, run a 5K, swim 10 laps.
- Shoot free throws until you can make at least 8 of 10 shots.
- Pick a classic author and read all of his or her works. Find out what all the fuss is about Twain or Hemingway or Austen or Dickinson.
- Dribble a basketball with your offhand; shoot with your offhand.
- Reflect on this last school year and document your achievements and activities.
- Take the light rail downtown to Union Station and spend the afternoon exploring.
- Volunteer at a non-profit organization
- Visit a nursing home and do a puzzle with a resident
- Do a photo documentary of a "week in your life"; post on facebook.
- See how many actual books you can read this summer. Sign up for your library's summer reading program and win prizes.
- Go hit a bucket of golf balls at the driving range or sign up for a golf clinic through the Rec Center.
- Write a poem describing your feelings on a beautiful summer day, or on a majestic sunset, or on a dark, stormy afternoon. If poetry is not your thing, then write a short story filled with adventure. Let one of the characters have some of your personality.
- Plan a "perfect" vacation. What elements are essential?
- Make it a habit to check your email at least twice a week.
- Change a tire on the car, check the oil and learn where to fill it if it needs it, or bless the family by vacuuming it and washing it, maybe even waxing it.
- Plant a tree, or some garden plants such as corn, tomatoes, carrots, radishes, or cantaloupe. Then water them and care for them until they produce a crop.
- Work on an art project. Get some clay and shape a sculpture. Make a model of something. Try your hand at a painting.
- Host a soccer conditioning workout for your friends to get in shape and stay in shape for soccer in the fall.
- Get permission and settle on the color, then do the prep work and paint your room the ideal colors you enjoy. If you like it, ask your parents if there is any other room they want painted.
- Clean the garage. Make hooks for things that are just laying around. Maybe you could paint the inside of the garage to give it a finished look.
- Run a garage sale. Get some of your old things you are not using, ask your parents for some "stuff" they no longer want, or even ask a neighbor if he has anything you could sell. Make posters and put them up. Make some lemonade and sell it also. Use your profits for something you want, or better yet, look for a worthy mission idea that you could support with some or all of the proceeds.
- Memorize a chapter from the Psalms. Then try to put it to a melody you make up. See if you can sing it while you are taking a shower.
- Look for scholarships – enter every drawing you qualify for.
- Plan a day trip with a family member to somewhere in the mountains.
- Arrange to shadow a person for a day in a career field you are interested in.
- Visit a college/university in Colorado with your parents and start discussing your future plans together.
- Participate in Miss Ruth's College Challenges posted on facebook (@CWCACounseling).
- Write a nice, newsy letter to your grandparent or another out of state relative. Don't use email. Send it snail mail.
- Call Pator Porter and arrange to climb a fourteener with him.
- Learn Sign Language
- Vow not to watch any TV this summer. Not one single second. Pick something cool and fun and productive to do instead.