

# How can Skinner Scholars continue their academic and intellectual growth during the Summer?

## Why should students continue to access academic resources over the summer?

At Skinner, we want to provide resources to have our students avoid “summer slide.” Our students work so hard throughout our school year to make academic gains with their grade level content. We want to make sure that students continue to “flex” their reading, writing, thinking and math muscles so they can start their next year at or above where they finished the previous school year.

## What has changed?

Over the past few months, staff, students, and many families have asked that we update/upgrade our Summer Homework Policy considering the pandemic. Skinner has decided to make a change to our traditional Summer Homework system. **Summer Homework is not mandatory or required for any students for the 20-21 school year.** We encourage students and families to engage in some of the academic resources below, but nothing will be graded or collected at the beginning of the school year.

## What resources are encouraged for my student to be prepared for the 20-21 school year?

Since students will keep their chromebooks over the summer, all resources are digital and can be accessed using their school provided devices. Students can dedicate time to enhancing their knowledge in each subject area using the following resources:

- **Language Arts (6th, 7th, 8th)**
  - [Sora](#)
    - Access the DPS digital library to find an endless supply of books
    - Read independently for at least 30 minutes per day
  - [Newsela](#)
    - Log in using DPS Google account
      - DPS Google account -
        - Username - Lunch Number (ex: 177911)
        - Password- Month/day/Birth Year (04022010)
    - Choose articles to read at an appropriate reading level
    - Complete the accompanying quizzes
  - [Next Gen Personal Finance PodCast](#)
    - Critically thinking about current events through a SS lense by engaging in different PodCasts that connect to personal finances/economy
  - Writing
    - Start a journal and write about current events
    - Search for [creative writing prompts](#) for inspiration outside of current events

- **Math (6th, 7th, 8th)**
  - Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/illustrative-math>
    - This link will give you access to 6-8 math lessons by grade level content. Please access the appropriate level math to practice and review your skills learning during the school year.
    - If you want more resources - please go to the “courses” drop down and then go to “math by grade level” this will allow you to practice elementary and high school content depending on your students readiness.
  
- **Social Studies (6th, 7th, 8th)**
  - <https://www.seterra.com/#quizzes>
    - Use this interactive site to freshen up on your comprehension skills as they relate to geography, focusing on the following concepts:
      - Landforms
      - Continents/Countries/States
      - Cardinal Directions
  
- **Spanish Language Arts & Spanish as a 2nd Language**
  - Señor Wooly and/or This is Language
    - Use your student account: videos, game, nuggets, and vocabulary
  - Listen to podcasts/news
    - Examples: [newsinlowspanish](#) [El País](#) [hablamos gramática](#)
  - Read news articles in Spanish
    - For example: [newsela.com](#) (sign in with your DPS google account)
  - YouTube, Netflix/Disney+ (if you have access)
    - Watch movies/shows in Spanish ([La Sirenita](#))
  
- **Science**
  - Watch some documentaries! As you watch carefully consider other perspectives, your own perspective and the message and motivation behind the movie maker’s reasons for creating the film.
  - Find simple, cheap/free, safe experiments to test out at home.
  - Design and invent something new! Create a video of how and why it works and then share it with your new teacher.
  
- **Miscellaneous**
  - <https://www.smores.com/jq3hd>
  - <https://denverlibraryadventures.org/>
  - <https://www.hoodamath.com/>
  - <https://www.icivics.org/>
  - <https://ayiti.globalkids.org/game/>
  - <https://games.noaa.gov>
  - [WOW in the World](#)
  - [Brains On](#)