Orange Unified School District

Educational Services Optional Summer Programs and Activities

Below is a partial listing of available summer camps and programs.

Optional Programs and Activities:

- 1. Enroll your child in a local College for Kids program:
 - a. Santiago Canyon College Summer "College for Kids" www.sccollege.edu/cs
 - b. School of Continuing Education www.sce.edu/kids
 - c. CSI Forensic Science Programs Fullerton, Santa Ana and Orange www.OCBiotechEducation.org
 - d. Cal State University, Fullerton Children's Programs www.fullerton.edu/kidscamp
 - e. Saddleback College http://www.saddleback.edu/ce/

2. Enroll your child in a local summer camp:

- a. OUSD CARES Program
 http://www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us/CARES/registration/summercamp.asp
- b. Anaheim Summer Camps http://www.anaheim.net/1226/Classes-Activities
- c. Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center http://www.outdooreducationcenter.org/
- d. Orange County's Summer Camps & Programs for kids http://www.orangecounty.net/HTML/edu_camps.htm
- e. City of Orange Summer Day Camp http://www.cityoforangedaycamps.org.
- f. Anaheim Ballet School's Summer Intensive Workshops/Classes www.anaheimballet.org
- g. Ocean Institute Summer Programs www.ocean-institute.org
- h. YMCA Summer Camps www.ymcaoc.org/sports
- i. Discovery Cube Orange County http://www.discoverycube.org/oc/

 Check the OUSD website – Community Resources tab for the School News Roll Call newspaper and the OUSD Community Bulletin Board for local camps and activities http://www.orangeusd.org/community_resources/index.asp

Family Activities - encourage your child(ren) to:

- a. Make a scrapbook of everything they do this summer
- **b.** Write a letter to their best friend, teacher, principal, or relative
- c. Compare a book to a movie
- **d.** Write a poem
- e. Keep a journal of what you do over the summer
- **f.** Write a fairy tale
- g. Read a story to someone
- h. Learn or teach math facts with someone
- i. Watch a movie and write a review about it
- j. Write a song
- k. Sign up at the <u>local library</u> for **Summer Reading Program** <u>Orangepubliclibrary</u>

Utilize the *World Wide Web* for learning - the following websites provided are suggestions:

• Summer Learning Resources for Parents from Colorin`Colorado: This reading resource roundup for parents is awesome! The page features guides, tips and reading lesson ideas in Spanish and English.

Another great resource from sister site Reading Rockets is "Get Ready for Summer! Ideas for Teachers to Share with Families."

- i. www.KidSites.com
- ii. www.funbrain.com
- iii. Brainquest http://www.brainquest.com/kids
- iv. Calisphere http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/
 A large collection of digitized items including photographs, documents, newspaper pages, political cartoons, works of art, diaries, transcribed oral histories, advertising, and other unique cultural artifacts which reveal the diverse history and culture of California and its role in national and world history.
- v. American Library Association:
 Websites on a wide variety of subjects selected and approved by librarians.
 www.ala.org/offices/library/alarecommends/recommendedwebsites
- vi. <u>Fact Monster</u> <u>www.factmonster.com</u> Fact Monster and its Homework Center have received national recognition for their unbeatable reference materials, fun facts and features, and individualized homework help.
- vii. <u>Encyclopedia Britannica</u> <u>http://www.britannica.com/</u> The online version of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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- viii. <u>B.J. Pinchbeck's Homework Helper</u> Links and homework help for students, teachers and parents provided by the Discovery Channel's <u>DiscoverySchool.com</u>
- ix. <u>Kids.gov</u> <u>www.kids.gov</u> This site provides links to Federal kids' sites along with some of the best kids' sites from other organizations all grouped by subject.
- x. World Food Programme www.freerice.com For each answer kids get right, the organization will donate 10 grains of rice through the World Food Programme to help end hunger.
- **4.** A Beach Bag Full of Summer Learning Resources: Just like the title says, this roundup from AdLit.org is the perfect one-stop-shop for summer reading. There are links to valuable web resources, ideas for learning in all subjects, and much, much more.
- **5.** Here are couple of links to interactive online resources for math: The <u>Funbrain Math Arcade</u> from Pearson and <u>Cool Math</u> are two other great sources for entertaining math games.
- 6. <u>Summer Learning Guide</u>: Common Sense Media produced this resource with some really cool activities for students of all ages. You'll find links to apps for coding, building media projects, and creating art. Also check out "<u>Camp Virtual: Your Guide to Making Summer Learning Fun</u>" from Common Sense.
- 7. <u>Simple Tips for Summer Math Learning from PBS Parents</u>: These easy-to-implement ideas are perfect for summer learning. A few of my favorites: Turn chores into math learning opportunities, or find math lessons in your child's collection (sea shells, baseball cards, etc.) PBS Parents' <u>reading tips guide</u> is also extremely useful.
- **8.** <u>11 Everyday Math for Summertime Fun</u>: FamilyEducation.com highlights few ways to teach math during the summer -- a lemonade stand is always a fun one -- but this post is just one of many in their <u>trove of summer learning blogs for parents</u>.

9. Quick Links to Open Education Resources:

- 200 Free Kids Educational Resources, from Open Culture
- Summer Travel: Education on the Road, from EDSITEment!
- <u>Fun-in-the-Sun Activities</u>, from Scholastic
- https://www.khanacademy.org/, math help
- http://pbskids.org/