

Timberlane Regional School District
Grades 6-8
Optional Summer Learning

The following list of suggested resources and hyperlinks is provided to help students over the summer maintain or progress in their academic skills and/or foster a desire to be lifelong learners and thinkers.

Some of the suggestions focus on skill building practice and activities that promote academic growth, whereas other suggestions serve to provide enrichment, engagement, and/or a way to gain general knowledge in content areas. Some of the suggestions are resources that may be visited frequently for short amounts of time (skill building practice), whereas other suggestions may be a one time experience and a way to spend a day over the summer alongside family and friends (enrichment/engagement).

Although students and families should feel free to try as many of these activities as possible and as needed, the list is not meant to be used in its entirety with the purpose of completion. Consider choosing activities from a discipline in which you need growth, and then include additional enrichment activities in other content areas that are your passions or strengths. Or, consider challenging yourself by choosing an enrichment activity from a discipline in which you don't yet have a strong interest.

We hope you enjoy the activities you choose, and we are looking forward to hearing about your experiences when you return to school for the 2022-2023 school year!

Language Arts (6-8)

Enrichment reading literature: book titles/activities (see attached list)

[No Red Ink](#): Grammar skill building, interactive practice: (create a free, personalized account)

[Chomp Chomp](#): Grammar skill building, interactive practice.

[iReady](#): For skill development and practice, students are encouraged to continue on their pathways

Daily Journal Writing

[Journal Buddies](#): Daily journal prompts can inspire writing to complete individually or with family and friends. Journals help students practice the writing process, increase their writing stamina, and challenge their thinking through a variety of topics.

Poem of the day

Reading and discussing poetry increases engagement in creative writing, thinking, and expression. Explore the hyperlinks to find inspiring poetry.

[Poetry.com](#)

[Poetry 4 Kids](#)

[Shel Silverston](#)

[Children's Poetry Archive](#)
[American Life Poetry](#)

Listen to podcasts for enrichment and content knowledge:

Here are some excellent, student-approved choices: [But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids](#), [The Past and The Curious: A History Podcast for Kids](#), [Brains On!](#), [Smash, Boom, Best](#) and [The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel](#).

Social Studies (6-8)

Geography Skills

[Seterra](#): Use this site to increase background knowledge and visualization of geography around the world or the United States.

Day Trips

Go on a day trip for content knowledge and enrichment.

[The Freedom Trail](#): Go on a day trip to Boston to uncover the rich colonial heritage and contributions that the city made to the founding of the United States.

Discover our rich, local history by exploring places from our state's past.

[Canterbury Shaker Village](#), [Strawberry Banke Museum](#), [Enfield Shaker Museum](#), [NH Farm Museum](#), [covered bridge tour](#), [Atkinson Historical Society](#), [Danville Historical Society](#), [Plaistow Historical Society](#), [Sandown Historical Society](#)

Current Events:

Click on the following links to gain enriching content knowledge, practice informational text reading skills, and find inspiration for discussion.

[Flocabulary](#)

[DOGO News](#)

Math (6-8)

Click on the following links for continued math practice and skill development:

[iReady](#): For skill development and practice, students are encouraged to continue on their pathways

[IXL](#): For skill development and practice (log in through clever)

[Math Counts: Problem of the week](#): For practice on multiplication facts or fractions.

Click on the following links for enriching activities:

[Illuminations Brain Teasers](#)

[Math Olympiad Problem of the Month](#)

[Which One Doesn't Belong](#)

[Esti-mysteries](#), [fraction splat](#), [cube conversions](#)

World Language (6-8)

Discovery Education (on TRMS Destiny) for both [Spanish](#) and [French](#) allows students to practice skills, learn content knowledge, and explore enriching activities.

Vocabulary and Grammar Skills

[Study Spanish](#) Spanish grammar lessons to support grammar knowledge.

[Blooket](#) Online games to support vocabulary knowledge. Students can search for specific vocabulary on the website.

Science (6-8)

Online Enrichment:

[Gizmos](#)

[BrainPop](#) - Sign in using Clever account and search by subject to view content-specific videos and accompanying related readings and activities.

[Science Snacks](#) - Collection of hands-on activities to explore natural phenomenon at home with easily-available materials.

Day Trips

Go on a day trip for content knowledge and enrichment

[Living Shores Aquarium](#)

[Museum of Science, Boston](#)

[The Butterfly Place, Westford MA](#)

[NH Fish & Game Fish Hatcheries and Education Centers](#)

[NH State Parks](#)

[Squam Lake Natural Science Center](#)

[Seacoast Science Center](#)

[Great Bay Discovery Center](#)

[McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center](#)

Listen to podcasts for enrichment and content knowledge:

[Brains On!](#) - Science podcast for kids. Also available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

[Science magazine podcasts](#) - *Science* magazine publishes current research across all fields of science.

[Wow in the World - Tinkercast](#) - Podcasts (and activities) about new stories in science, technology, and innovation. New episodes are released every Monday. Also available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

Technology (6-8)

[Typing.com](#) Students will log in with their Google accounts to practice skill development.

[Hour of Code](#) This website offers both skill development and enrichment for computer programming.

Art (6-8)

Online Art Museums for enrichment and content knowledge

[The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

[National Gallery of Art](#)

[Smithsonian American Art Museum](#)

[Harvard Art Museums](#)

[Museum of Fine Arts Boston](#)

Art Museums in New Hampshire to visit in person for enrichment and content knowledge

[Currier Museum of Art](#)

[Andres Institute of Art](#)

[Hood Museum](#)

[MONA Portsmouth](#)

Art Studio in Manchester, NH that offers summer classes for skill development

[Studio 550](#)

Music (6-8)

The following links are for skill development, reinforcement and enrichment.

Band and Orchestra

[Smart Music](#) allows students to search for music in their ensemble category (band or orchestra) and develop skills as they play along to new songs.

Guitar

[Hub guitar](#) allows students to practice skill development.

All musicians

[Theta Music Trainer](#) Provides enrichment through the use of musical games.