

# Summer Resources and Ideas for Continued Learning!

## Offline

Resource	What is it?	How can I access it?
Summer Bridge Activities	This is a book with a daily series of activities to help students neatly transition from one grade to the next. This book practices reading, writing, math, and a variety of other skills! It includes an answer key as well as flash cards.	You can order this on many websites. It is available for less than \$10.00 on Amazon. The link is provided on the next page.
Reader's Journal	Provide your student with a regular marble notebook or journal, have them read 20-30 minutes each day, and end their reading session with a daily prompt response. To prepare them for text style questions, they can use the short response model format attached.	Notebooks available at any school supply center.  List of prompts attached on the next sheet.
My Summer Journal	To practice writing openly, you can have students respond to a series of open-ended journal entries each day in the summer.	Notebooks available at any school supply center  List of prompts attached on the next sheet.

## Online/Apps

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Outschool.com	This online learning resource offers classes in standard academic subjects, like reading, writing, math and social studies, but also involves fun media and arts-themed classes that students can take! Students can do a book club, a film study, a science class, a theater class, or any other subject matter they prefer. Classes are streamed live, so this is a good way to get a classroom feel and have your child interact with other children.	Create an account on outschool.com. Classes are different prices for different teachers. Log on and explore!

IXL Learning	This is an online reference that gives skill based practice in all content areas online. Students can review old fourth grade skills and have an opportunity to try some fifth grade skills!	Become a member on the link provided below. Membership is \$19.99 per month, but the extent of the content you will receive is extensive and rich!
Quick Math	This is a phone app which helps students to practice quick math skills, like their multiplication tables. While most know their multiplication tables, being able to cite these quickly becomes a valuable skill in fifth grade. Games are only minutes long and they can have a lasting impact on students.	You can purchase this app for just a few dollars at the app store on any smart phone or iPad.
k-5 learning worksheets	This is a series of FREE worksheets for kids that practice skills in reading, math, spelling, vocabulary, and cursive.	Link posted on the next sheet.

## Links to Resources

### Summer Bridge Activities

[https://www.amazon.com/Summer-Bridge-Activities%C2%AE-Grades-Activities/dp/1483815846/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=Summer+Bridge+Activities+4-5&qid=1591288613&s=books&sr=1-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEwMjE4Njk1ODY1ODdFTzZQNDNUJmVuY3J5cHRlZEFkSWQ9QTAxMzkyMDEyMVpVUDJQTUQ1RjhEJndpZGdldE5hbWU9c3BfYXRmJmFjdGlvb11jbGlja1JlZGlyZWNoJmRvTm90TG9nQ2xpY2s9dHJ1ZQ=](https://www.amazon.com/Summer-Bridge-Activities%C2%AE-Grades-Activities/dp/1483815846/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=Summer+Bridge+Activities+4-5&qid=1591288613&s=books&sr=1-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEwMjE4Njk1ODY1ODdFTzZQNDNUJmVuY3J5cHRlZEFkSWQ9QTAxMzkyMDEyMVpVUDJQTUQ1RjhEJndpZGdldE5hbWU9c3BfYXRmJmFjdGlvb11jbGlja1JlZGlyZWNoJmRvTm90TG9nQ2xpY2s9dHJ1ZQ=)

### Outschool

<https://outschool.com/#usEPEAVDBY>

### IXL Membership

<https://www.ixl.com/membership/>

### K-5 Learning Worksheets

<https://www.k5learning.com/free-worksheets-for-kids>

# Reading Journal Prompts

## Fiction

- Who is the main character of the story?
- Would you be friends with the main character? Why or why not?
- Do you agree with how the characters in this story act, think, or feel in this portion of the book? Why or why not?
- What is the setting of this story? How does that setting impact what's going on?
- Why do you think the author wrote this? What was his or her purpose?
- What does this story tell you about the author's attitudes and maybe some of her major beliefs/feelings?
- What is the major problem of this story?
- If you were the main character, how would you solve this problem?
- How is this story like another story that you have read? How is it different?
- Is there a film version of this story? Which version do you like better? Why?
- Does this story remind you of anything you've seen in your own life? Why?
- What are some themes or important topics that this book discusses?
- Which literary character do you think would be good friends with the main character of your story?
- What would you rate this out of five stars? Why?
- Summarize what you read today, and reflect on how the events of this chapter impact the story.

## NONFICTION

- What is the main focus of this book?
- What is something you've read in this book that you already knew?
- What is something new that you learned in this book which you didn't know already?
- Did the author use a text feature – a picture, a caption, a map – that helped you learn? What was it? How did it help you?
- What is a new vocabulary word that you learned from examining this story?
- What other questions do you have about this topic?
- What question did you have about this topic that was answered?
- Why is this book important? How can this book help people?
- What would you rate this book out of five stars?

## SHORT RESPONSE MODEL

A well written short response includes

\_\_ an opening sentence with the title, author, and point being made. (Bold)

\_\_ SPECIFIC TEXT EVIDENCE (in the form of QUOTATIONS) to prove the point the writer of the response is trying to make. These must be quotations from the story. (Underlined)

\_\_ An explanation of the quotes. What do they show/prove? (Italics)

\_\_ A concluding sentence. (Bold, underlined and italics)

MODEL: What is the point of view of Wonder by RJ Palacio? Use text evidence to support your point.

**“Wonder” by RJ Palacio was written in the modern day, but it would be different if it were set long ago.** This is illustrated in the chapter title on page 160, which is “Letters, Email, Facebook, and Texts”. Long ago, there was no email, facebook, or text messages, so this chapter would be completely different. In addition, Auggie’s hearing aid is described on page 212, which says, “This curved piece of plastic over here connects the tubing on the ear mold. That’s why we took those impressions back in December, so this part that goes inside your ear fits nice an snug.” Long ago, technology and hearing aids like this did not exist. If Auggie got assistance with his hearing, it would not be as advanced. **For these reasons, the story would change if Wonder was set at a different time.**

## Summer Journal Prompts

- What is your favorite thing to do on a summer day? Why?
- If you could travel anywhere, where would it be? What would you do?
- What is the proudest moment that you've had in the past year? Why did it make you proud?
- What is one goal that you have for yourself this summer? What can you do to make that happen?
- Who is your best friend? What is so special about that person?
- Name one thing about yourself that makes you unique (that makes you different from everyone else.)
- Name one thing about yourself that you would like to improve.
- What is a talent that you have? What do you do to help develop that talent?
- What is a question about the world that you sometimes wonder about?
- Who is someone who inspires you? Why?
- What would you like to be when you grow up? Why?
- If you could be any animal, which would it be and why?
- If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?
- What do you think are the three most important qualities in a good friend? Why?
- If you can have three wishes (AND DO NOT WISH FOR MORE WISHES), what would they be?
- If you could erase ONE THING from the world, what would it be? Why would you erase it?
- Have you ever been afraid to do something, but then did it, and you're now glad that you did? What is it?
- Name three words that best describe you. Why?
- If you had to leave your home and you could only bring three things with you, what would you choose? Why?
- Who is a member of your family who you are very close to? Why are you so close?
- Write a letter to yourself from last year. Tell yourself what the next year will be like and give yourself advice for how to get through it.
- Write a letter to yourself in the future. Ask yourself questions about what you would like to know.
- If you can put yourself in any book, movie, or TV show, which would it be and why?
- What is your favorite sport? Why do you like it?
- What is something you like that not a lot of people enjoy? Why do you like it?
- What is something a lot of people enjoy that you don't like? Why?
- What color do you think represents your personality? Why?
- Would you rather live in space or at the bottom of the ocean? Why?

OR....do a free write!