

Earn a Reward in August...with Cottondale Summer Learning 2019!



Who is it for? All students!

How long does it last? From now until school begins in August.

Why have a summer learning program? Continued learning is important to everyone and Cottondale Elementary wants to encourage all students to continue to learn even if school is not in session. In addition to our summer reading log, below you will find great ways to continue learning skills in language arts, math, and science...all for free!

What do I do? Show Mrs. VanSlambrouck that you were dedicated to learning at home this summer! You can (1) Complete your summer reading log and/or (2) bring in proof (online completion certificate, etc.) of completing an online summer learning program from the listed Alabama Summer Learning Challenge opportunities listed below. On your summer reading log, make sure you understand the reading requirements and have your parents/guardians (or an adult family member) sign your log.

Any rewards? Yes! Any returning student who successfully completes the reading log and/or brings in proof of completion from online learning will participate in our Summer Learning Celebration in August.

When do I turn in the reading log and/or proof of online learning? Reading logs and completion forms (for online learning) are due Friday, August 9, 2019.

Where can I find good books? Find books at the Tuscaloosa Public Library, local book stores, and our school website. Please take a moment to visit our school website at <http://www.tcss.net/Domain/14>. On the far-right section you will see Capstone Interactive books. This link will show you the 50 eBooks that are available to be read from any computer or mobile device. (Username: *cottondale* ; Password: *read*)

What are the Alabama Learning Challenge Options?

- This summer, [Stride](#) by Fuel Education is **FREE** to all students in the state from May 1 to July 31. You can prevent “summer slide” with a cool blend of online math, reading, language arts and science skills practice, spectacular video games for every

student interest, and peer competitions to pass the lazy summer days. Students may access the [Stride](#) learning platform **online anytime, 24-7**, on tablets, PCs and Macs.

- Just click on link to register and login at <https://www.fueleducation.com/alsummerlearning>. Your child can then log on anytime to participate in skills practice or play games that are academically aligned with Alabama's College and Career Ready Standards.
- Need support? Contact FuelEd Customer Support: 1-84-Go-FuelEd (1-844-638-3533)
- The “[Find a Book, Alabama](#)” tool (www.Lexile.com/fab/Alabama) offers students over 260,000 books from which to choose. This book-search tool enables individuals to build custom reading lists based on their Lexile range (if known) and/or Grade span and personal interests, and checks the availability of books at the local library. Just visit the webpage and click the grade span or type in your child's Lexile score if known, to find books suggested for him or her!
 - Children, parents and educators can also pledge to read using the “[Find a Book, Alabama](#)” tool starting May 1st. We encourage all students to pledge to read.
- The Alabama Summer Learning Challenge also includes [a FREE email-based math skills program](#) for children who have completed 1st through 8th grades. Parents and other summer care-givers can begin registering for the program **today** at <https://math-tools.quantiles.com/accounts/registration/>
 - Then, starting June 19, parents will begin receiving daily emails with fun activities and resources to help their children retain math skills acquired during the previous school year. After the program ends on July 28, parents can print an award certificate to celebrate their child's summer accomplishment!

What other summer reading clubs and challenges are available?

- Barnes & Noble this summer is offering students the opportunity to earn a free book! Visit their store or website at <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading-lists?list=kidsbrage-8-12> to download a Summer Reading Journal. To earn a FREE book all you need to do is follow these four easy steps: 1. Read 8 books and record them on the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Journal. 2. Record which part of the book is your favorite and why. 3. Bring your completed journal to a Barnes & Noble store between August 1st and August 31, 2019. 4. Choose your FREE book from the list featured on the back of the journal.
- Tuscaloosa Public Library's 2019 Summer Reading **June 3rd—July 27th**. Sign-up began **May 13, 2019!** Join TPL this summer for the *Alabama Has a Universe of Stories* summer reading program. The calendar is jam-packed with great activities, including musicians, magic shows, jugglers, science shows, and more! Programs are available at all three Tuscaloosa Public Library locations. Visit <http://www.tuscaloosa-library.org/summerreading/> for more details.