

Other Summer Skills Resource

In addition to the summer work, some parents have asked about skill practice over the summer. We continue looking for options for tutoring that might be made available; in the meantime, we wanted to get some information to you for planning and/or purchasing resources; as most likely they'll be in high demand for the summer.

First, we are providing the link for the Summer Skills books that previously could be purchased through the school. This year, the company is offering direct ordering and shipping. Here is the link to get more information about the books and/or to place your order.

https://www.summerskills.com/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SS-SCHOOL-4-9

Barnes and Noble offers a series by Flash Kids Editors, in association with Harcourt Family Learning (Harcourt is one of the publishers that we have used over the years for many of our textbooks in grades K-5). They offer all-in-one workbooks, which have a variety of curriculum areas at a specific grade level; you can purchase workbooks that have targeted practice for a specific skill (separate books for each: math, reading, spelling, language arts, and writing). They even have one for cursive writing practice. These books are available for \$6.95 each.

They also have a series of mini workbooks, with even more specific practice, for example time and money in math. This mini series also includes Math Drills and Sight Words. These books are available for \$3.95 each.

Flash Kids offers good old fashion flashcards, which can be good for practice away from the screen and books. These are available for \$3.95-\$5.95 each. You might consider two sets for creating learning games at home.

They also have Test Prep workbooks for most grade levels. These are available for \$5.95-\$9.95 each.

Finally, they have their own brand of summer bridge books for transitioning from one grade to another. These are available for \$9.95.

I find that the offerings at Barnes and Noble is more extensive and provides more options, especially if you have a specific skill in mind that you would like your child to practice over the summer.

The only thing I would not purchase at Barnes and Noble, is, if you are interested in the original Summer Bridge Books by Summer Bridge Activities Publishers; they are more expensive here, over \$13.00 each; I recommend Amazon at \$8.48 per book. My preference though is the Barnes and Noble books and flashcards; many teachers have used these for extra help in classrooms over the years; I have used them in my own classroom and for extra tutoring support. The flashcards are nicely laminated and durable. I have found the workbooks to offer more practice than the traditional bridge books.

If you are looking for a program for the summer, Kumon is a great choice! We have a number of our students, from all grade levels, that have been students at Kumon. Mary Kate Gordon, one of our first grade parents, operates the Newtown Center (owned by her father, Deacon Norm) and she also owns and operates a center in Danbury. While they too are feeling the struggles of the unknown; they have plans to begin opening their doors either May 20th or June 20th and will welcome new students! Please feel free to reach out to Mary Kate for more information on how the program can help your child, in reading and math, over the summer.