



ECS 2025 Summer Reading Guide - A Compilation of Resources

Fun, Optional Summer Reading Activities: TK-5

Reading in the summertime is a great way to continue experiencing the joy and adventure of learning. It can also prevent the *summer slide*, (when childrens' reading skills 'slide' backwards because they forget to read in the summer). Here is a list of helpful resources:

Support for early readers:

ACTIVITIES	APPS, GAMES, & SHOWS
A child becomes a reader (K-3) National Institute for Literacy Words are here, there and everywhere + Family Activity Cards , PNC Grow Up Great and Sesame Workshop Reading SOS , from Reading Rockets 14 Activities for Building Literacy at Home , Penn GSE 9 Early Literacy Activities for Kids , PBS for Parents	Sounder & Friends (app, free, recommended for preschool & kinder) Lalilo (web browser only, free) EBLI Island , EBLI Space (tablet app only, \$5) Nessy's Hairy Phonics (free app) Montessori Crosswords (app, \$3) Teach Your Monster to Read (web browser, free) Reading Buddies (YouTube show, free)

BOOKS to promote reading skills:

[Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons](#), by Zig Engelmann
[Explode the Code](#) series of workbooks
[Meg and Greg decodable book series](#), for adult & child to read together
[The Yak Pack Phonics Comics decodable book series](#) available to download
[Half-Pint Readers](#), K-2 families, ask your child's teacher for where to start levels.
[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)- register children 5 and under to receive a free book monthly

Practice reading fluently (smoothly and quickly):

ACTIVITIES	BOOKS
Building fluency at home , Just Take 20 One Minute Reader , Read Naturally, free trial	Reading Adventure Packs , Reading Rockets

More practice reading, writing, and understanding what's read:

ACTIVITIES	BOOKS
How Can I Help to Improve My Child's Reading Comprehension , Meadows Center 10 Weeks of Summer Reading Adventures for You and Your Kids , Reading Is Fundamental Summer Reading Packets , ReadWorks Reading Red Flags: K-1 Extra Support , The 3 R's	2025 Summer Reading List of Best Books for Kids , Imagination Soup Summer Reading List for ages 6-8 , Brightly Summer Reading List for ages 9-12 , Brightly Summer Reading Guide , Reading Rockets

PREVENTING THE SUMMER "SLIDE":	SUMMER READING CHALLENGES:
Prevent Summer Slide , Brain Balance How to Stop the Summer Slide , Prodigy At Home Activities to Help Fight the Summer Slide , Waterford Stop the Slide! , Capstone Start with a Book! Summer learning tips to go! Reading Rockets	Humboldt County Library Summer Reading Club: "Level Up!" : Sign up May 7-August 3. Humboldt County Library Summer Reading Calendar and Story Time Calendar . Read Not Guess Summer Challenge 5 weeks of daily lessons.

Family Guides: [Learn more about what children typically know and are able to do at the end of each grade level.](#)

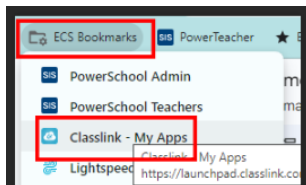
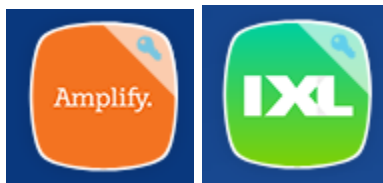


ECS 2025 Summer Reading Guide - Accessing ECS Apps at Home

You can access your ECS apps at home this summer in June and July.

Two of our favorite learning apps are **Boost** and **IXL**. In the Boost app, students play games that automatically adjust to meet their learning needs in reading. The IXL app provides students with fun opportunities to practice math skills. Both of these apps are accessed through ECS classlink. To access classlink, learners will need Wifi and either a school-loaned chromebook or a personal device.

To access classlink and the ECS learner apps from home on an ECS-issued chromebook:

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1) Log on to your device and sign in to Google with your ECS email and password. You can type in your ECS email or password, or if the device has a camera, you can use your “ <i>quick card</i> ” to log in. (Contact ECS Elementary Summer School at Alice Birney School: (707) 441-2495 if you need your login information).	
2) Then select <u>Classlink - My Apps</u> on your ECS Bookmarks, which will take you to your ECS apps.	
3) The Classlink tab will take your child to their learner Classlink portal. Each tile connects your child to different apps they can use while working on their Chromebook.	
4) We recommend that your child play Boost and IXL for 15-20 minutes 3-5 times/week. Boost is found on the Amplify tile, and IXL on the IXL tile.	

To access Classlink and the ECS learner apps from home on a personal device:

STEP
1) Log on to your device and choose Google Chrome as your search engine.
2) Then enter in your ECS email and password and follow the steps 2-4 above.
3) Chrome will prompt you to Sync with your ECS profile. Choose, “Yes, I’m in.”
4) One final prompt will provide privacy information. Choose, “Got it.”
5) Then follow steps 2-4 above.