

OSNAS Summer Reading Program

We are offering parents and students an **optional** summer reading program. If you choose to participate, it will take about 15-30 minutes a day and will keep your children sharp throughout the summer months.

For incoming grades 1-9, OSNAS has selected a 15-minute activity book titled, *Summer Bridge Activities* which includes various subject areas. The workload should not be overwhelming for you or your child. Each workbook includes an answer key at the back of the book that you can rip out and use to help your child when necessary.

A drawback of the book is that since it comes from a secular publishing company, there are a few informational texts that do not align with the Biblical timeline (e.g. dinosaurs existing millions of years ago without humans present as per the evolutionary worldview). You are free to skip over those sections or use them as teachable moments to connect your child with the truth of God's Word. Here is an online reference which will provide an accurate Biblical timeline. <https://answersingenesis.org/bible-timeline/>

In addition to the *Summer Bridge Activities* book, there are optional reading books.

For students entering grades 3-6, we have selected books from the *Great Illustrated Classics* collection. This collection has taken timeless stories and adapted them for young readers to enjoy. The books selected for grades 4-6 go along with the time period your child will be studying in History for the upcoming school year. After reading each chapter, students should write a paragraph summary telling what happened in the chapter using their own words. This can be done in a marble or spiral notebook. Each chapter summary should be placed on a separate page. Your child can bring the composition book to school on the first day and hand it to the teacher to show your work.

3rd Grade: Black Beauty [Black Beauty \(Great Illustrated Classics\): Anna Sewell](#)

4th Grade: Ivanhoe [Ivanhoe \(Great Illustrated Classics\): Sir Walter Scott](#)

5th Grade: The Last of the Mohicans [Last of the Mohicans \(Great Illustrated Classics\): James Fenimore Cooper](#)

6th Grade: Red Badge of Courage [Red Badge of Courage \(Great Illustrated Classics\): Stephen Crane](#)

7th-12th Grade: The incoming 7th-12th grades will be reading *George Washington Carver: Christian Encounters* by John Perry. “ *George Washington Carver* goes beyond the public image to chronicle the adventures of one of history's most inspiring and remarkable men. George Washington Carver was born a slave. He was the first black graduate of Iowa State, taught at the Tuskegee Institute, and encouraged poor black students for nearly half a century. Carver was an award-winning painter and acclaimed botanist who saw God the Creator in all of nature. The more he learned about the world, the more convinced he was that everything in it was a gift from the Almighty, that all people were equal in His sight, and that the way to gain respect from his fellow man was not to demand it, but to earn it.”

The book includes a racial slur used three times (The “N” word appears on pages 25, 90 and 125). Its inclusion is intended to reflect the language and attitudes of the historical time period, helping readers better understand the context in which the story takes place. You may choose to have a discussion with your child about this word if necessary.

There are 12 chapters and an epilogue, totalling 154 pages. Each chapter averages 12-16 pages. After reading each chapter, students are to write a summary and reflection for each chapter in his/her own words, discussing what they thought and learned from the story and how it can be applied to his/her life. This should be done in a composition/marble or spiral notebook. Each chapter summary should be placed on a separate page.

The cost of the book from Amazon is \$12.79

[Amazon.com: George Washington Carver: A Biography of a Scientist, Botanist, and Former Slave \(Christian Encounters Series\): 9781595550262: Perry, John: Books](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9781595550262)

Links and ISBN numbers for the purchase of *Summer Bridge Activities* books.
Cost: \$9.99 You may purchase from Amazon or directly from the publisher.

Incoming 1st Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades K-1)* ISBN-13:
978-1-4838-1580-0

https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/sba_bridging_grades_kindergarten_to_first.htm

Incoming 2nd Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades 1-2)* ISBN-13:
978-1-4838-1581-7

https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/sba_bridging_grades_first_to_second.htm

Incoming 3rd Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades 2-3)* ISBN-13:
978-1-4838-1582-4

https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/sba_bridging_grades_second_to_third.htm

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Incoming 4nd Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades 3-4)* ISBN-13: 978-4838-1583-1

https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/sba_bridging_grades_third_to_fourth.htm

Incoming 5nd Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades 4-5)* ISBN-13: 978-1-4838-1584-8

https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/sba_bridging_grades_fourth_to_fifth.htm

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Incoming 6nd Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades 5-6)* ISBN 13: 978-1-4838-1585-5

https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/sba_bridging_grades_fifth_to_sixth.htm

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Incoming 7nd Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades 6-7)* ISBN-13: 978-1-4838-1586-2

https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/sba_bridging_grades_sixth_to_seventh.htm

Incoming 8nd Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades 7-8)* ISBN-13: 978-1-4838-1587-9

https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/sba_bridging_grades_seventh_to_eighth.htm

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Incoming 9nd Grade: *Summer Bridge Activities (Bridging Grades 8-9)* ISBN-13: 978-1-4838-6600-0

<https://www.summerbridgeactivities.org/summer-bridge-activities-8-9.html>

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