



Summer Learning Challenge 2020



Let's overcome the "summer slide" and go for the GOLD!
Exercise your brain all summer long by being creative and having fun. If you do, there will be no summer slide for you!

It's simple:

- Choose a level (below) and complete your choice of activities on the back of this page.
- Check them off as you complete them.
- Have an adult sign your paper when finished to show that your challenge list is accurate.
- Turn your paper in at the Ice Cream Social (or on the first day of school) and we will have a celebration after the school year kicks off!

Gold: 70 or more activities

Silver: 50 or more activities

Bronze: 30 or more activities

Be sure to ask your family to share your experiences on our Lincoln School PTO Facebook page!

Student Name

Adult Signature

101 Activities to Beat the Summer Slide

1. Make some of these easy ice cream sandwiches.
2. Take a walk at a nature center (Sarett or Love Creek).
3. Make a photo journal or a family yearbook.
4. Have a luau in the backyard.
5. Visit the beach and collect shells, beach glass, or rocks
6. Make a fort out of cardboard boxes.
7. Visit a farmer's market (St. Joe Market is every Saturday 9am-2pm starting June 6th).

8. Stage an A-to-Z scavenger hunt, where you have to find something that starts with every letter. Or try one of these other [scavenger hunt ideas](#).
9. [Pick fresh berries](#).
10. Climb a sand dune.
11. Make homemade ice cream or frozen yogurt.
12. Go canoeing or kayaking on the Saint Joseph River or other waterway.
13. Build a sandcastle at Silver Beach or Lions Park Beach.
14. Write and illustrate your own informational book about sites to visit in Saint Joseph.
15. Set up an ice cream sundae buffet for dinner OR breakfast!
16. Clean up trash at a local park like Kiwanis, Eaton Park or Riverview.
17. Have a backyard campfire ... or just use the grill! Roast hot dogs on sticks and finish up with s'mores.

18. Make homemade pizza and be CREATIVE!
19. Go for a nature walk and then make a collage from objects you find along the way.
20. Head to a creek and look at the ducks.
21. Research a recipe for a healthy snack you'd like to make.
Create a series of pictures or a video to share showing the process...think virtual cooking show.
22. Have a water balloon toss ... or fight!
23. Practice your origami skills and make construction paper crafts to hang from the ceiling.
24. Go biking on a trail.
25. Virtually interview a grandparent or an older relative about what life was like when they were young.
26. Plan a picnic at a local park – or in your backyard.

27. Visit the Lincoln School little library (out in the front of the building). Pick a book to read. If you are able, leave a book for someone else to enjoy.
28. Create salad spinner art by placing circles of paper inside a cheap salad spinner, dab tempera paints on top, cover and spin away.
29. Practice making interesting shadow puppets and then put on a show with your characters.
30. Plant a garden of herbs and veggies.
31. Make a sidewalk chalk mural so people walking by can see it.
32. Teach the adults at home how to play a video game.
33. Have an outdoor painting party using huge canvases or cardboard.
34. Visit a fish hatchery.
35. Plant a butterfly garden with flowers.

36. Write notes to people you know, family and friends. Mail the notes to them.
37. Make a necklace out of beads, noodles, or cereal.
38. Rearrange your bedroom.
39. Make something out of toilet paper and paper towel rolls and decorate them.
40. Go on a [scavenger hunt](#) or make one of your own.
41. Make a giant hopscotch or Twister game on the lawn (with spray paint) or driveway (with chalk).
42. String beads into jewelry or collect [wild flowers](#) and string together to make leis.
43. Make a [bird house](#) out of Popsicle sticks.
44. Learn about stargazing and identify as many constellations as possible – [check out this interactive sky chart](#).

45. Go on a mindful rainbow walk and be sure to have a camera or a sketch pad and crayons to capture how you discover your rainbow!
46. Go Petoskey stone, safe beach glass, or Crinoid fossil hunting by combing one or more of our Great Lakes shore lines.
47. Break out your baseball glove and start a game, sandlot style.
48. Make paper boats and race them in a kiddie pool using straws to propel them or try them out on Lake Michigan or on the St. Joseph River.
49. Play mini-golf at Hidden Pointe Fun Park – or set up a course in your driveway by laying different size containers on their sides.
50. Make a sand art garden and plant a succulent.
51. Get a map of Michigan and mark off all the exciting places you want to visit – create the ultimate road trip.

52. Set up a net and play badminton or play volleyball at Silver Beach/ Jean Klock Beach. Also, try one of these other [backyard games for kids](#).
53. .. Visit Michigan's Adventures for the rides or water park. .
54. Wade through the St. Joseph River or visit the Sarett Nature Center to look for minnows or tadpoles.
55. Take a visit to Allegan Event's Outdoor Zip-lining or other Michigan zip-lining establishments to go zip-lining.
56. Have a tricycle race at Carronde Park, Eaton Park, or Kiwanis Park..
57. Take a visit to La Perla Produce or other local grocery stores and make lunch using interesting spices and [kid-friendly international recipes](#).
58. Visit the Royalton Township or St. Joseph fire stations..
59. Collect rocks at the Grand Mere State Park or Silver Beach and paint them to use as paperweights or pet rocks.

60. Go roller skating at Kinan's Park.
61. Visit a zoo or aquarium to learn about animals.
62. Run through the sprinklers.
63. Blend your own smoothie – they're good for you!
64. Set up a bike wash and raise money for a local charity.
65. Batter up at a batting cage.
66. Let kids paint the sidewalk or patio with plain old water and sponge brushes. When their creation dries, they can begin again.
67. Bake cupcakes in ice cream cones and then decorate them.
68. Assemble a family cookbook with all your favorite recipes.
69. Go horseback riding.
70. Make popsicles in Dixie cups using fruit juices.
71. Catch fireflies in a jar (and let them go at the end of the night).

72. Stage *your own Summer Olympics* with races, hurdles and relays.
73. Create a backyard circus – kids can pretend to be animals and dress up as clowns.
74. Decorate bikes and have a neighborhood Fourth of July parade.
75. Take a sewing/crochet/knitting class.
76. Make Mexican paper flowers using different colored tissue paper.
77. Go to a flea market.
78. Volunteer at an animal adoption organization.
79. Visit a retirement home and read stories to residents.
80. Attend an outdoor festival or concert.
81. Pick a nearby town to visit for the day.
82. Visit the Bear cave in Buchanan, MI.

83. Mark off all the local parks on a map – then visit them, take pictures and vote for your favorite.
84. Take in a local exhibit.
85. Make **crafts with recyclable items** like stickers using old photos, magazines and repositionable glue.
86. Make your own hard-to-pop bubbles with 1 cup of distilled water, 2 tablespoons of Dawn dish soap and 1 tablespoon of glycerin.
87. Paint canvas sneakers with fabric paint pens or acrylic paint.
88. Create three-dimensional buildings using toothpicks and mini marshmallows.
89. Make bird feeders by covering pine cones with peanut butter and rolling in birdseed.
90. Paint with ice by freezing ice cube trays with washable tempera paint.

91. Create unusual s'mores by experimenting with ingredients like cookies, bananas, mini candy bars, flavored marshmallows and white chocolate.
92. Have a fancy tea party.
93. Make a giant slip-n-slide with a painter's tarp and shaving cream.
94. Go camping in the backyard.
95. Let kids paint each other with washable tempera paint and then wash it off in a sprinkler run.
96. Take a virtual visit to a national park.
97. Play a game of Yahtzee and teach your kids (and yourself) how to keep score.
98. Set up a tent in the backyard to use as a summer playhouse.
99. Design and make an obstacle course at home or in your yard.
How fast can you complete it?
100. Have a game night with charades, Pictionary and bingo.

101. Let kids brainstorm creative things to do with a boring brown paper bag – you'll be surprised at how many things you can come up with.