



SUMMERMATTERS

Summer Learning

Better grades start in the summer

Although school is nearly out for the year, studies show that the summer months can be a critical time to build on the foundation of the previous school year-and prepare for the year ahead. From summer reading to trips to the museum, there are tons of ways to inspire your child. Learn about local and regional summer programs and hear from students themselves how they plan to keep the learning going this summer!

Robotics Camp 2014

Register by May 23

Camp Activities:

Design and build VEX™ robots for different challenges every day:

- Obstacle courses
- Mazes
- Maneuvering
- Design with 3D modeling software
- Program robot with EasyC™ or RobotC™
- Team building activities and problem-solving

Questions:

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Untitled-1 Team Robot Run at First Lego League World Champs

[Download more information here](#)

Chess Mates Summer Series 2014

All Tournaments will be played at:

T and R Paul Academy 4812 McMurry Dr

Fort Collins Colorado 80528

Dates: June 14th ~ July 12th ~ August 16th

[Learn more](#)



KIDtoKID

Gifted and Talented Throughout the Summer

By Ashley Campbell, 4th Grade, Namaqua Elementary

In my opinion, GT is: a class where kids in the top 5% are taught reading and/or math at a higher level

than some kids in their grade. Also, it is a way to let kids that have advanced minds learn at their level. It is nice that there is a way to learn with other kids in your grade that have an advanced mind like you. GT lets some people embrace their gifted side

GT makes you think. The GT program is a great program for kids because rather than being bored all day, GT kids are challenged to learn. Also the GT program provides kids a chance to discover what "thinking outside the box" really means. I'm so happy there is a program so kids like me can discover all the learning there is yet to be learned.

Summer Plans: I have many fun summer learning activities planned. One activity is acting. Acting is a fun way to learn and make new friends. I plan on acting throughout the summer. It is a fun way to let your imagination fly free. This summer I will do a play. Plays are a way to have fun while learning. You learn by:

- Memorizing lines
- Memorizing songs and dances
- Making mistakes
- Learning from others and their mistakes

[Read more about Ashley's summer plans and recommendations for your child\(ren\).](#)

Summer Studio

Get creative, make something and discover the future.

See if our creative community is where you belong. You'll have the chance to experience firsthand what it's like to pursue your passion and apply your talent here. Meet other creative minds and take a week to discover what a creative education could be like. The world needs creative people and it's our mission to develop tomorrow's creative professionals. Let us help you take the first step toward finding out what inspires you. Experience Summer Studio, a weeklong creative hands-on workshop.

[Download info and application](#) or [learn more.](#)



Center for Bright Kids

Summer Programs

Since 1982, the Center for Bright Kids Regional Talent Center has offered summer programs for high-interest, high-ability students. Rooted in the talent development model, CBK summer programs offer students the opportunity to study with bright, motivated peers, enhance their preparation for advanced coursework, and establish long-lasting friendships with students from across the country and around the world. Students with exceptional ability entering grades 4-11 are offered a varied selection of enrichment and/or acceleration courses on campus at the Colorado School of Mines.

[Learn more....](#)



Summer Reading

Fun and Easy at Your Library

Click on your local library to learn more!

[Berthoud](#)

[Loveland](#)

[Fort Collins](#)

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Letterboxing

by Sebastian Lawton, 6th grade, Walt Clark Middle School

LETTERBOXING is an intriguing pastime combining navigational skills and rubber stamp artistry in a charming "treasure hunt" style outdoor quest. A wide variety of adventures can be found to suit all ages and experience levels.

To go letterboxing, you must first create your own letter boxing kit, composed of a personal stamp, a notebook, and a container for your kit. [Read more...](#)

Summer Academy of Music

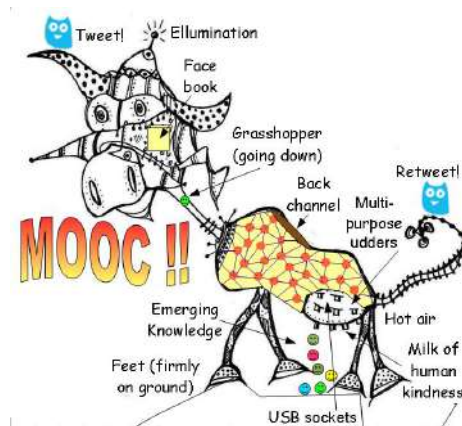
Learn a new instrument! Play with your friends!
Sharpen your skills!

Incoming sixth graders: Get a head start on your instrument and make new friends with small-group Beginning Band or Orchestra classes!

Current middle school band or orchestra students: Keep your skills sharp over the summer in a fun environment. Play your patriotic favorite tunes with your friends and make great music together in the Advanced Band or Orchestra!



[Learn more here.](#)



[Learn More about MOOC](#)

Tuesday Theater for Kids

At The Rialto Theater

How the West Was Sung

Clown on a Bike

Irish Music and Dance

Swallow Hill Traveling Troupe

[Show information and purchase tickets.](#)



The Lemonade Stand Project

Building Communities One Lemonade Stand at a Time

The Lemonade Stand Project™ is an entrepreneurship education program designed to empower young people to take an active role in their careers, lives and communities. Participants learn about business fundamentals and work in teams to develop a unique beverage flavor and brand which they market and sell in a competition. Through their participation, students learn how to create an organization by bringing together people and resources toward a common goal.

[Learn more](#)



And even more.....

Local and regional summer learning opportunities and camps.

[Click here.](#)

Educational Opportunity Guide

Duke University Talent Identification Program

Here you will find information on summer and academic year opportunities for the gifted conducted at schools, colleges, and camps throughout the country and abroad. [Learn more](#)

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"Instruction ends in the school-room, but education ends only with life."

- Frederick W. Robertson