



TASIS Dorado Curriculum Department & Elementary Division

Elementary Division: Summer Learning Guidelines 2021-2022

TASIS Dorado is committed to the premise that learning is a lifelong process; the school encourages all learners to be active and curious throughout the school year and beyond. We also recognize that changes in schedules and routines mean that structuring time for learning can be challenging. We want to support our students' and families' needs and encourage them to take a break, recharge, and enjoy new activities during the summer months. However, research has shown that without exposure to reading, writing, and math during the extended summer break, students suffer from "[summer amnesia](#)" when they return to school in August. For that reason, we strongly encourage all our families to support their students' learning through our **summer learning guidelines**, while still enjoying the summer.

Today, we are sharing both our [summer learning requirements and recommendations](#) and the

[TASIS Dorado Summer Learning Site](#)

Reading (English & Spanish)

One of the most important things our students can do on a regular basis is read. This is especially true in the summer while our students are away from class for two months. Consistent reading will maintain both fluency and comprehension strategies learned in the past. Reading throughout the summer also has the possibility of increasing reading levels, and it will result in our students being better prepared to start the school year.

PPK-PK Reading Assignment

- [Reading Passport](#) - ONLY ONE PER STUDENT - Return to your teacher in August
- Parents can access a list of suggested titles on the [Summer Learning Site](#) from which to choose in both Spanish and English, but students are not limited to the titles on the list.
- There is no need to record the number of pages read; just enjoy what you are reading. **Delight in shared reading time!** Talking about what you read with your children is also important, so share your thoughts, feelings, ideas, and opinions to deepen and clarify understanding while you read together with your student.

K-5th Reading Assignment

- Required novel (1 English & 1 Spanish) to be completed before returning to school (ordering information below)

- [Scavenger Hunt Checklist](#) - ONLY ONE PER STUDENT - Return to your teacher in August
- Parents can access a list of suggested titles on the [Summer Learning Site](#) from which to choose in both Spanish and English, but students are not limited to the titles on the list.

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
<u>The Day You Begin</u> by J. Woodson (2018)	<u>Pete The Cat: Super Cool Reading Collection</u> by K. Dean (2014)	<u>Poppleton and Friends</u> by C. Rylant (2019)
<u>Adoptar un dinosaurio</u> by J. C. Andrés (2019)	<u>El acertijo del lagartijo</u> by G. Lázaro León (2011)	<u>Diario de una lechuza: Eva ve un fantasma</u> by R. Elliot (2002)
Spanish novels are only for students in regular Spanish, not SSL		

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
<u>How Not to Start Third Grade</u> by C. Hapka (2007)	<u>The Lemonade War</u> by J. Davies (2009)	<u>Loser</u> by Jerry Spinelli (2018)
<u>La escuelita Do-Re-Misteriosa</u> by L. Arana (2010)	<u>El monstruo de la biblioteca</u> by A. Gómez (2008)	<u>Amalia, Emilia, Amelia</u> by A. Gómez (2002)
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Online Ordering System and Delivery!

- You are able to order summer reading online through [Librería Contemporánea](#).
- **Summer reading and the assigned readings/platforms are organized by grade. You can have everything delivered directly to your home or pick them up in person at one of their bookstores located in Bayamón or Guaynabo.**
- We highly recommend ordering the week of June 6 to ensure your student(s) have everything they need to confidently begin the new school year.
- **Important Note:** *Librería Contemporánea's Online Order Page for the summer and next school year will launch June 1.*
- **Contact information for ordering:**
 - **Bayamón:** (787) 288-3448 / (787) 780-8385; bayamon@libreriapr.com
 - **Guaynabo:** (787) 782-7331; guaynabo@libreriapr.com

Math

The goal of our math summer learning is to reinforce previously learned skills and concepts from this past year while also keeping our mathematical minds sharp! Areas of focus include core curriculum content areas and mental math in all operations.

Entering 1st-5th Grade Math Assignments

- Required to be completed prior to returning in August.
- 20 total assignments focused on key curriculum concepts from the previously completed school year and fact fluency.
- Each individual task should take no longer than 15-20 minutes to complete.
- If your child has not completed the task after 15-20 minutes, please stop them and continue on a future day.
- Answer keys are available on the [Summer Learning Site](#) and the password to open them is “TDBears”
- Recommended math fact practice for 15 minutes per week.
- Supplemental materials and additional resources for extra practice (optional) available on the [Summer Learning Site](#).
- Optional PPK-K math experiences are available on the [Summer Learning Site](#).

Writing (English & Spanish)

Our students made tremendous strides as writers this past school year. This included experiences writing personal narratives, informational reports, and opinion writing. If you would like them to continue practicing the skills they learned, we have included two **OPTIONAL** writing projects on the [Summer Learning Site](#). These may be completed in either English or Spanish. Students should share any completed writing pieces with their teacher next year. We are excited for their continued growth!

Optional: Entering PPK-K: Have fun practicing letters and numbers, drawing pictures w/ labels (using either language), and playing with games and toys that develop fine motor skills and literacy awareness. Use markers, crayons, paint, and sand — whatever is easy and fun!

Required: Entering K-5th Grade Writing Assignment

Bring in five photographs from summer vacation when returning to school. These may be any photos that capture a memory. You may bring in actual photographs, print out pictures on paper, or save them in your Google Drive (4th-5th). Our students will use these photos as inspiration for their first writing unit of the school year in both their ELA and Spanish class.

Social Studies, Science, STEM, and Individualized Learning Modules are also available on the [TASIS Dorado Summer Learning Site](#)

Please contact us if you have any questions or need any support.

Have a safe and relaxing summer, and we look forward to an amazing year in 2021-2022!

Sincerely,

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