

In a continuing effort to provide online learning opportunities I have included websites and suggested activities. **Please note. Although many of these are approved websites, access them at your own risk.**

## Suggested Reading Activities

### Benchmark Universe

Access Benchmark Universe through your Clever account. The site is listed under “favorites.” Once logged on, go to assignments. Here you will find posters explaining how to summarize nonfiction texts. Here you will also have several opportunities to practice your summarizing skills while reviewing important content we have learned in social studies.

### Read Works

Follow the link below to access this website. This site has large selection of different genres to choose from. I listed below my favorites along with suggested writing prompts or activities.

<https://www.readworks.org/>

Suggested reads and activities from Read Works. **Don't forget to answer the questions at the end of each passage.**

#### 1. Who Wants a Spiny Snack?

**Activity:** Draw an illustration of the Puffer fish and label the body parts that are used to protect itself against predators. Then create a new sea creature. What adaptations will it need to protect itself? Label the body parts and explain how they are used to shield itself against predators.

#### 2. The Magic Glasses

**Writing Prompt:** Describe a time you were embarrassed. Compare your situation to Violet's experience

### 3. Your Recycled House

**Activity:** Create a house out of recyclable items from your house. Items might include cereal boxes, plastic water bottles, or glass jars. The possibilities are endless. Take a picture of your creation. I would love to see it!

## K12 Reader

<https://www.k12reader.com/subject/reading-skills/reading-comprehension/4th-grade-reading-comprehension-worksheets/>

This site provides numerous free opportunities to practice reading comprehension skills such as main idea, summarizing, story elements, etc. This week my suggested focus is cause and effect. Follow the link above and then on the left-hand side under "Reading Skills" choose "cause and effect". There are several worksheets that will pop up. I recommend the following.

Cause and Effect Match Them!

Find the Cause and Effect.

Other focused areas I recommend is main idea, fact and opinion, character traits, and context clues

## World Book Online

This can be accessed through your clever account. Check out the following.

Ebooks: Choose a book to read. Write about what you read. What is the most important thing you learned? What surprised you the most? What else would you like to learn about the topic.

**Kids:** Here there are many activities to choose from.

- Click on **Compare Places**". Choose two continents and create a Venn diagram comparing them.
- Click on **Important People**". Choose someone you want to know more about and write down five interesting facts you learned about your person.
- Click on **World of Animals**". Compare and contrast different reptiles or different bugs.
- Click on **Pictures and Videos**". Here you will find interesting information and beautiful pictures on a variety of subjects. Watch the video on Polar Animals and Glaciers. What did you learn?

## Fun Brain

This is also a free website that has a large selection of books you can access and read. Challenge your self by reading different genres. I would love to hear about a myth or biography you read.

<https://www.funbrain.com/books>

## Suggested Writing Activities

**Book Review:** Do a review on a book you just read. A book review is similar to grading an assignment. What did you think about the book? What did you like or dislike about it? What genre is it? Would you recommend it?

**Letter to the Author:** Write a letter to the author of a book you just read. Explain what you liked and disliked about the book. Think of three questions to ask the author.

**Story Boards:** Create a story board of a book just read. Story boards are similar to comic strips. Draw six boxes on paper and in each box capture an important event that happened in the story. This activity is best to use for fiction stories. Make sure your boxes are in chronological order.

## **Suggested Writing Activities**

If you could have any super power for a day, what would you choose? Describe what a day would be like with this super power.

Pretend you are an animal for a day. Which animal would you choose? Describe what your day would look like.

You just found a mysterious treasure box in your back yard. Describe the contents of the box.

Pretend you just traveled to the year 3000. Describe what life is like? How is similar and different from life today.

Create a story from the perspective of a child who cannot stop growing. What are the pros and cons?