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'The ROAR'

Every Monarch, Every Day



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A Letter From The Editor

Dear Monarch Friends and Families:

Has the realization of Summer set in for your amazing children? Specifically, have your children stated, "I'm bored!"

One of the most common questions I am asked as an educator is... "How do we survive Summer?" As such, I have developed some fun (and often sneaky) ways to keep my kids learning all summer long and avoid the dreaded "summer learning slide."

1. Ask kids to create their own board games.

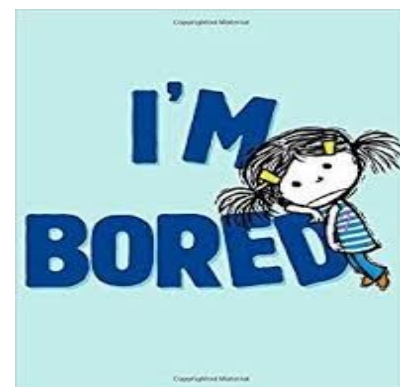
Let them choose something they love (i.e. dogs, cooking, Disney, soccer, etc.), and challenge them to design a board game around their passion. From creating the game board and researching their topic to figuring out the rules and writing simple directions for others to follow, this hands-on activity truly puts the fun in learning.

2. Tap into the power of music.

Challenge kids to rewrite the lyrics to some of their favorite songs or create a funny rap about their favorite TV show. Or ask them to put on their "advertising hats" and create a 30-second jingle to market their favorite toy, book, snack, or hobby.

3. Teach with movies!

After watching a movie together, go beyond "Did you like the movie?" and talk about the movie's themes, such as respect, friendship, or kindness. Ask your kids why they think the characters chose a



certain action or what the characters could have done differently for a better outcome. Challenge them to come up with an alternate ending.

4. Got budding artists in the house?

Ask them to redesign the cover of their favorite book or DVD. They can experiment with a variety of new images, color, words, and layout using simple art supplies or digital tools.

5. Declare a weekly "Kids in the Kitchen" day.

Get kids baking cookies, and have them double the recipe to help brush up on math skills. Invite them to read through your cookbook, find a dinner recipe, and write a grocery list of ingredients. As they shop with you, help them compare prices, look at price-per-unit, and calculate coupon savings. At home, prepare the meal together as they read, measure and follow directions.

BONUS - Get kids reading any way you can, including comic books, magazines, graphic novels, almanacs, joke books, recipes, game instructions, movie reviews, poems, restaurant menus, product descriptions, sports statistics, and song lyrics.

Don't overlook the value of listening to audiobooks; they can introduce kids to books above their reading level, writes Denise Johnson, Ed.D., in Reading Online, a publication from the International Reading Association. Johnson, a professor of reading education at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, adds that audiobooks teach critical listening and introduce new vocabulary, among other benefits.

Above all, breathe deep. Remain calm and SUMMER ON!

Together we can change the WORLD for our CHILDREN.

At Poolville, **you and your children MATTER!**

You are our FAMILY!

Sincerely,

Jason Cheslock

It's Game Time!

Anything remotely school-related is a total summer-break bummer. But that doesn't mean the learning has to stop. This list of the best summer learning games has titles that are just as engrossing as other at-home games but come with the added bonus of being teacher-approved.

These games have what makes games great (player agency, just-one-more-turn game play, and challenging scenarios) plus learning outcomes seamlessly blended into the experiences. The results are awesome, super-secret learning games kids will find fascinating.

- PBS KIDS Kart Kingdom
- Busy Water
- Magnus Kingdom of Chess
- The Infinite Arcade by Tinybop, and
- Contraption Maker

"I'm bored"



Let's Make A Deal!

My favorite business professor once told us, "When it comes to goods and services....there is 'High Quality'...'Great Service'...and 'Cheap'! As a consumer we want all three. However, in the 'Real World' you can only pick two."

Man....was he WRONG!

He didn't know about the Poolville Pre-K Program! If you don't meet one of the qualifying conditions for free all day Pre-K don't worry. Poolville also supports an extremely reasonable tuition for the exact same service! That's right. For less than \$1.12 per educational hour your young Monarch will receive an amazing education from a certified teaching professional!

Please hurry. Complete and return the form below.

Spots are filling fast!

Are You Searching For Healthy Summer Meals for Your Kids?

A summer feeding partnership has been created with our educational cohorts at Springtown ISD. The program will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays through June 17th. The drive-thru service begins at 11:00 am and concludes at 12:30 pm. Please visit Springtown Middle School if this opportunity is of interest to you. Incremental details can be found in the flyer featured to the right.

Are You Interested In Volunteering During The 2020-2021 School Year?

We have several amazing volunteer opportunities at the elementary school. If you have a moment and the desire, we would love to partner with you during the 2020-2021 school year.

Details can be found below.

1. The Golden Girls Reading Program = Several amazing women in the community partner with Poolville Elementary School to foster greater literacy skills in our 3rd-grade students each week. This program transpires once a week during the standard school day.

2. R.E.A.D. to Kids Program (Reconnecting Education And Dads) = This bi-weekly initiative helps dads support a reading program for our 2nd-grade students. The program predominantly transpires before the school day begins (7:30 am to 8:15 am).

3. Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) SMART Snacks Program = This powerful PTO program fuels a student's mind and body while raising funds that go directly back to the students. Students learn about and consume healthy snacks to ensure they remain actively engaged mentally and physically throughout the school day. This program transpires once a week during the standard school day.

4. The Friendly First Responders Program = This country is a great country because it was built on the idea that we must help our fellow citizens when they cannot help themselves. Every first responder is a vital component of this country. We should always take the time to thank those that help us, and to be grateful for all those that sacrifice their time to help another in their time of need. This program provides inspiration, mentorship, guidance, and character to our young Monarchs. This program will transpire once a month during the standard school day. If you are a first responder - and would like to volunteer a small amount of your time - we would be honored to recognize and learn from you.



5. Mighty Monarch Boot Camp = Please join us in honoring the brave men and women that faithfully serve our country. This program will transpire once a week after the standard school day. Our faculty members and volunteer Drill Instructors will lead our interested Mighty Monarchs through a series of mental and physical challenges that enhance problem-solving, teamwork, physical fitness, and mental prowess.

We are forever grateful for your time. Please contact Mr. Cheslock at jcheslock@poolville.net if any of these programs interest you.

Are you having difficulties getting your child to go to bed?

Please join us on the Poolville Elementary School Facebook each evening at 8:30 pm. Mr. and Mrs. Cheslock help our Mighty Monarchs explore the benefits of nightly reading. Some of the benefits include, but are not limited to:

- They enrich a child's language development on multiple levels.
- They grow a child's imagination and appreciation for stories.
- They give children an outlet for empathy.
- They build a child's vocabulary so they can be well-spoken.
- They encourage engagement and conversation, and
- They offer a chance to be silly with our little ones

We can't wait to see you there at 8:30 pm every evening.

Are You Interested In Pre-Kindergarten Registration?

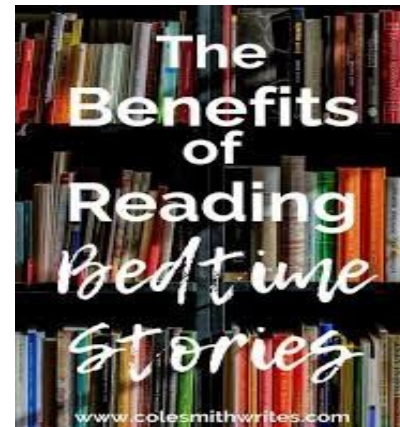
Full Day Pre-K Roundup Announcement -- We will host a digital Pre-K registration process for the next five weeks (April 23rd through June 12th). If you are interested, please download, complete, and return the attachment to the right to jcheslock@poolville.net. This form will allow us to create a reservation for your future Monarch and to make appropriate plans to super-serve their education! Dates and times for residency verification and online form completion will follow later in May.

Does Your Child Have Materials At School?

Are you searching for your school supplies? Your amazing teachers are hard at work gathering all of the school supplies and materials each student has in each classroom. These materials have been bagged, labeled, and were previously available for parent pickup on Monday, May 11th and Monday, May 18th during the standard weekly work packet distribution times. If you were not able to retrieve materials on those dates, please contact the front office and we will happily schedule a pickup time at the elementary school office. Pickup times will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

We hope to hear from you soon.

- Jason Cheslock



Application for Pre-Kindergarten Classes

Child's Name: _____ SSN #: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ The child must be at least 4 years old by September 1, 2020 unless he or she cannot speak and comprehend the English language!

Name of Parent: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Does the child speak and comprehend the English language? Yes ☐ No ☐ Circle one

Child's food stamp or AFDC case number, if applicable: _____
(If food stamp or AFDC case number is provided, also in signature portion of application)

Please check the box below if he/she is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces or child of a member of armed forces who was killed or injured while serving.

Names of all household members	Gross Monthly earnings (before deductions)	Monthly welfare payments, child support, alimony	Monthly payments from pensions, retirement, social security	Any other monthly income

I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that information on the application may be verified by school officials and that deliberate misrepresentation may be subject to prosecution under applicable state laws.

I understand that I will need to have a completed Free/Reduced Lunch Program application submitted to the PUSD Elementary Campus between the dates of August 1-August 16, 2020.

Signature of parent or legal guardian _____ Date _____



Please continue to visit us on Facebook. At Poolville Elementary School,

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