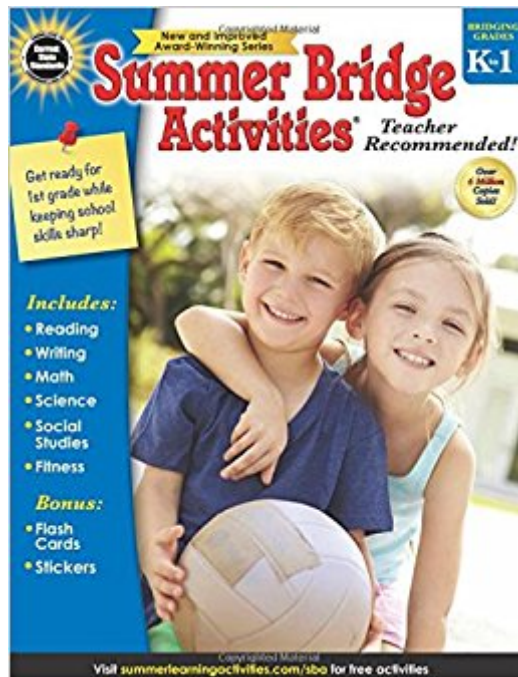




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Summer Bridge Activities™, Grades K - 1



Synopsis

Give your soon-to-be first grader a head start on their upcoming school year with Summer Bridge Activities: Bridging Grades K-1. With daily, 15-minute exercises kids can review rhyming and counting and learn new skills like telling time and writing complete sentences. This workbook series prevents summer learning loss and paves the way to a successful new school year. And this is no average workbook! Summer Bridge Activities keeps the fun and the sun in summer break! Designed to prevent a summer learning gap and keep kids mentally and physically active, the hands-on exercises can be done anywhere. These standards-based activities help kids set goals, develop character, practice fitness, and explore the outdoors. With 12 weeks of creative learning, Summer Bridge Activities keeps skills sharp all summer long!

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Customer Reviews

School stops for the summer, but learning never should! Research shows that many students forget important school skills over the long summer vacation. Prevent summer learning loss with the award-winning, best-selling Summer Bridge Activities®. Get ready for first grade! This complete summer learning program provides daily activities for 12 weeks of brain-building practice. Review kindergarten skills and get a head start on first grade topics. All activities support current state

standards: Phonics, Grammar, Vocabulary, Math skills, Shapes, Measurement, Social studies, Science. Exclusive features for an active, healthy summer! Keep young minds and bodies strong and active all summer long. Exclusive bonus features provide activities that get kids moving, thinking, learning, and doing: Monthly goal setting, Values, Character development, Fitness, Hands-on projects, Outdoor learning.

The first part of the workbook may be a little too easy for your rising 1st grader. However that helped us out by giving my son some confidence which helped him as we got further into the workbook and the more difficult work. I really liked how they had the book separated out by days made it easy for my son to know he only had a little to do each day.

I bought K to 1, 1st to 2nd, and 3rd to 4th. These are definitely better than the First Grade Bound (etc) that I bought last year (those ones had no order, no plan, and didn't match grade levels well). I really liked the daily break down of the Summer Bridge books. It was a clear and easy to follow - so easy the kids didn't need me to tell them what to do each day. They matched grade level fairly well. But holy cow these books are BORING! It's just work. Blah. There is no attempt to actually engage the children, just busy work. My husband and I are college graduates and are education-minded. We push our kids to learn for learning's sake, but these books make education as boring as it can get. If you want bland just-do-this-and-get-it-over-with work to keep the brain going, these are more than adequate. I'm looking forward to trying out the Brain Quest Summer books which seem to make it more of a game and the activities are not just long lists of boring-ness. My other complaint is the inconsistency in the grade levels. The 1st to 2nd grade was the best one - well balanced and challenging enough to keep the brain going, but easy enough for light summer work. It had a particularly good ratio of math, language, reading, writing, and social studies and pretty much all of the activities were manageable with the right amount of challenge. The K to 1 book was mostly ok. The first of the three sections was so ridiculously easy that my daughter did it all on her own before school was even over (she wanted to!). It was activities like circling the right number of apples or just writing a single letter a bunch of times. She finished what was supposed to be a month's worth of work in about a week in her spare time. Fortunately we didn't need all three sections since their summer is only 9 weeks, so the other two sections got us through the rest of the summer doing a two-sided page "day" 5 days a week. The 3rd to 4th grade book had the opposite problem. It started off great, but halfway through the second section much of the math was getting overly busy and sometimes too complex. There were many division problems that are beyond what he had learned

in 3rd grade, and he's in G.A.T.E. In class they only covered multiplication and division 0-12.

Example: $496 / 4 = \underline{\quad}$. Example: A word problem where he has to work out either $162 / 18$ or $18 \times \underline{\quad} = 162$. He got the concepts as I taught them, but it was frustrating. Some activities were just too lengthy for a quick summer book, such as a set of 10 addition problems like this: $8214 + 7716 + 6389 = \underline{\quad}$. It's not that it was hard, but does he really need to do 10 of those, on top of three other activities? One of which is MORE math? There were many times his brother and sister would be done with their books plus 20 minutes of reading and in the pool while he was still working. Granted he likes to stall, so I always had him finish it to avoid rewarding his stalling, but I have to admit that I thought it was too much busy work. That and I found myself teaching him stuff he'd never seen before. Bottom line is that these books were inconsistent and tedious and I will try others before I buy them again.

Perfect for the 3 months between grades. 40 year veteran teacher uses it every summer for tutoring those who need review and a head start on the next year!

I have mixed feelings about this workbook. I wish I could give this 3.5 stars. Pros- All subjects are in 1 book. My son's school offers summer workbooks, but I would've had to buy 3 separate books to cover all the subject areas. This workbook contains all subjects in one book. I also like that there are encouraging rewards for the kids-there's a sticker the child puts on the page once it's completed, and there's a certificate you can fill out for your child once the workbook is completed. I've also found that the handwriting portions and simple math and reading exercises are a nice refresher for my son. Cons-My biggest complaint is that the workbook, if completed the way it's meant to be, provides only 20 days of summer activities. There are 3 subject areas, and each has 1 page of work per day for 20 days. My son's summer break is around 9 or 10 weeks and even though he doesn't complete work every day, I was nevertheless expecting much more than 20 days' worth of work. Next, I think that some of the material is very advanced for a soon-to-be first grader. My son can read very well, but the comprehension parts are literally paragraphs long, requiring me to read these parts to him. The English grammar material seems a bit advanced as well. My son has only completed 6 days of work so far and he's already been questioned on verb tenses and common vs. proper nouns. I think this is a bit advanced. The workbook also contains multi-step math problems in sentence form. If you're looking for a workbook that your child can do totally independently, this isn't it. I think that next summer, I'll try the books my son's school offers. I was looking for "refresher" work, but this workbook goes much further than that.

I have "Maw Maw School" with my grand children ages 4 and 6.. They go to public school but when they visit, which is often, I like to do fun things that also incorporate learning. This workbook was one of 2 I bought for their age groups. It has age appropriate activities in them. They offer enough challenge to promote learning. Love the sheets of stars in the back of the books, the kids love working for stars. Also has flash cards in the back of the books that they can cut out and use for further learning use. I highly recommend the summer bridge activity books.

Using this for our incoming K student. Its a 20 day activity book with 3 different areas for each day. A lot of repetitive activities but that's to be expected. Some activities I was surprised to see for a K student but we tackled them with our almost 5 yr old and she was able to understand. If your little one is not reading just yet, some of the activities may need your assistance.

My 6 year old has been working through this book this summer. I love how it has him practicing his skills from kindergarten so he doesn't forget and is in a good place to start 1st grade. It is a very well designed book. It switches back and forth between math, reading and writing practice. My son likes getting to put a sticker at the bottom of the page after he has completed the days assignment.

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