

The Original Summer Bridge Activities™

Sample Book

New Online
Companion!



The Best-Selling Summer Learning Series on the Market



Summer Bridge Activities™

An award-winning, time-tested series that keeps children thinking, busy, and active while continuing to learn all summer long!

Summer Bridge Activities™:

- No. 1 brand that parents have trusted for over 15 years
- Best-selling summer workbook series on the market
- Used by millions of children to strengthen skills plus build confidence and self-esteem
- Designed for preschool through eighth grade
- Equipped with reading, writing, math, and language arts exercises
- Added focus on science, social studies, fitness, and character development

Prevent summer learning loss!
Research shows that on average children can lose 2.6 months of grade-level equivalency skills over their summer vacation. By using Summer Bridge Activities™, students enter their new grades prepared and confident.

As involved parents, we at Carson-Dellosa Publishing want to provide the best education for our children. We hope that parents will view summer vacation as a learning opportunity that can engage and excite their children.

The enclosed sample book highlights some of the exercises and benefits that make Summer Bridge Activities™ workbooks so unique and successful. Take a look inside and put an end to your children's summer slide!

Sincerely,

The Summer Learning Staff
Summer Bridge Activities™

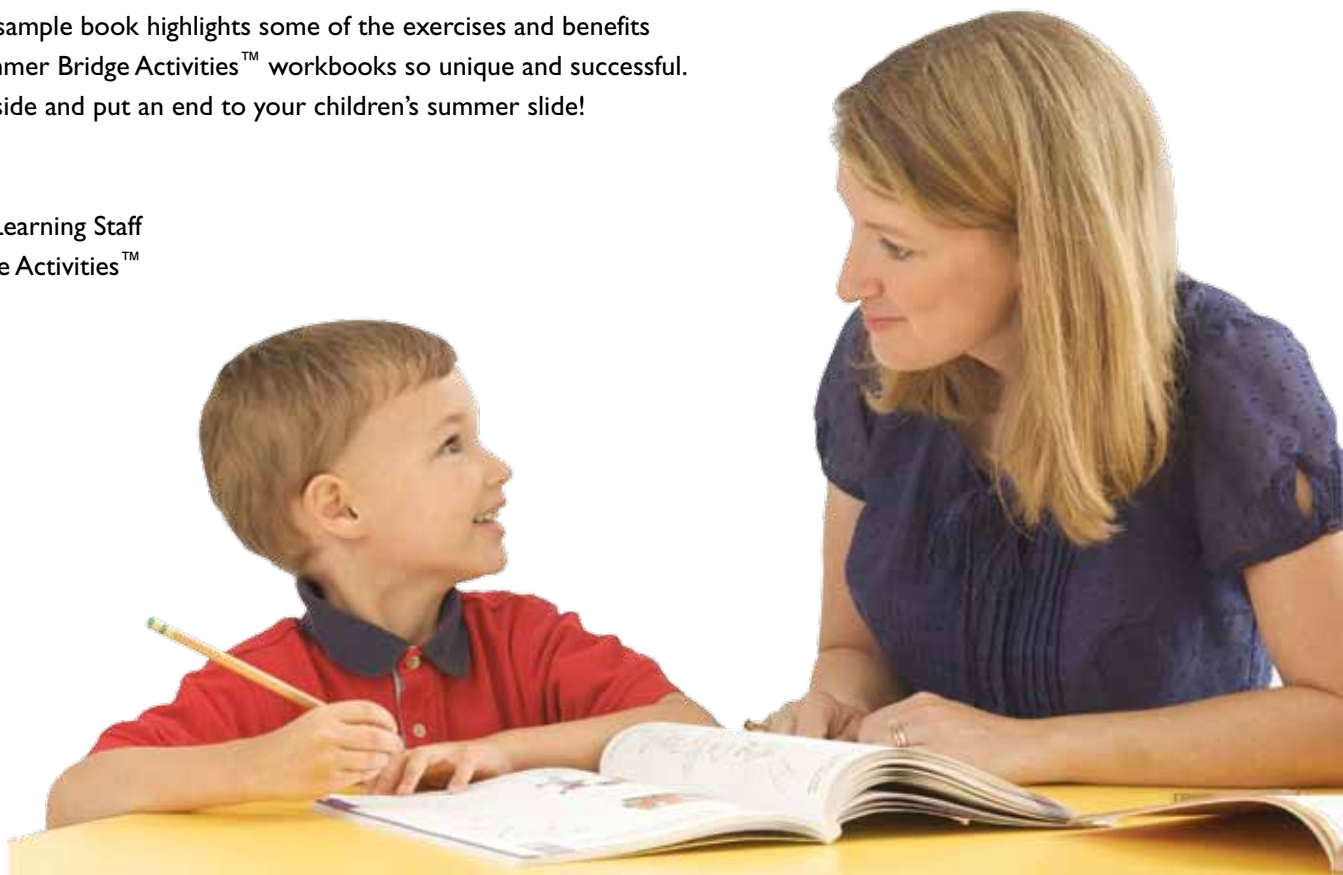


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Introducing our new online companion available for Grades PK-K through Grades 4-5.

- Free printables for parents to help their kids on grade-level-specific skills
- Program information for schools and community organizations
- Reading lists
- Fun, inexpensive ideas to incorporate learning into familial activities
- Informal assessments

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Every workbook is divided into THREE SECTIONS: two of review from the previous year and one of preview for the upcoming year.

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Pages from different grade levels of Summer Bridge Activities™ workbooks are shown throughout this sample book.



About Summer Bridge Activities™

Workbooks are designed to keep children learning while they complete their daily activity pages in about 20 minutes a day.

About Summer Bridge Activities™

Summer Bridge Activities™: Bridging Grades Kindergarten to First helps prepare your rising first grader for a successful school year. The activities in this book are designed to review the skills that your child mastered in kindergarten, preview the skills that he or she will learn in first grade, and help prevent summer learning loss. No matter how wonderful your child's classroom experiences are, your involvement outside of the classroom is crucial to his or her academic success. Together with *Summer Bridge Activities™: Bridging Grades Kindergarten to First*, you can fill the summer months with learning experiences that will deepen and enrich your child's knowledge and prepare your child for the upcoming school year.

Summer Bridge Activities™ is the original workbook series developed to help parents support their children academically during the summer months. While many other summer workbook series are available, Summer Bridge Activities™ continues to be the series that teachers recommend most.

The three sections in this workbook correspond to the three months of traditional summer vacation. Each section begins with a goal-setting activity, a word list, and information for parents about the fitness and character development activities located throughout the section.

To achieve maximum results, your child should complete two activity pages each day. Activities cover a range of subjects, including phonics, handwriting, addition and subtraction, time and money, shapes and colors, character development, and fitness. These age-appropriate activities are presented in a fun and creative way to challenge and engage your child. Each activity page is numbered by day, and each day includes a space for your child to place a colorful, motivational sticker after he or she completes the day's activities.

Bonus extension activities that encourage outdoor learning, science experiments, and social studies exercises are located at the end of each section. Complete these activities with your child throughout each month as time allows.

An answer key located at the end of the book allows you to check your child's work. The included flash cards help reinforce basic skills, and a certificate of completion will help you and your child celebrate his or her summer learning success!

Monthly Goals

SECTION I

Monthly Goals

A *goal* is something that you want to accomplish. Sometimes, reaching a goal can be hard work!

Think of three goals to set for yourself this month. For example, you may want to exercise for 10 minutes each day. Have an adult help you write your goals on the lines.

Place a sticker next to each goal that you complete. Feel proud that you have met your goals!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



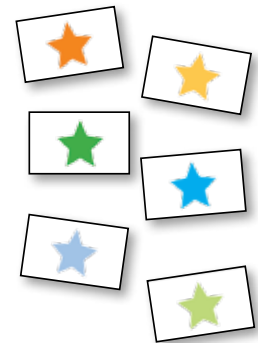
Word List

The following words are used in this section. They are good words for you to know. Read each word aloud with an adult. When you see a word from this list on a page, circle it with your favorite color of crayon.

animal	number
color	practice
different	set
letter	shape
lowercase	uppercase

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Reward completed goals in Grades PK-5 with enclosed stickers.



Setting goals teaches children to strive for accomplishments! MONTHLY GOALS allow children and parents to track progress as children work toward their monthly reward!



Bridging Grades PK-K

Grade-Specific Exercises

Sample page is from *Bridging Grades PK-K* book.

Grade-specific exercises are created by teachers and based on required national standards.

Visual Discrimination

DAY 12

Circle the objects in each set that are the same size.

Example:

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Each section is color-coded for ease of use.



Bridging Grades K-I


Grade-Specific Exercises


Sample pages are from *Bridging Grades K-I* book.


Pages are numbered by day and coordinate with the traditional three-month summer vacation.


DAY 16 Phonics


Say the name of each picture. Circle the name of each picture.

5.  jog
job

6.  doll
dog

7.  bag
box

8.  mop
mat

9.  fox
bo

Read each sentence aloud. Circle the word that has the short o.

11. The frog can hop on.

12. The dog and the fox.

13. John put the box by.



14. Tom went for a jog.



FACTOID
less than a

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Visual Discrimination/Language Arts **DAY 16**



Circle the object in each group that holds more.

1.  




2.  




Circle the object in each group that holds less.

3.  

4.  

Draw a line to match each opposite.

 up
 night
 happy

 day
 sad
 down

Half-page exercises make it easy for children to complete activities on their own. There's still time for play!





Bridging Grades 1-2

Grade-Specific Exercises

Sample page is from *Bridging Grades 1-2* book.

SKILL HEADINGS highlight the subject area of each exercise, giving children well-rounded practice.

DAY 13

Phonics

Each word and picture make a compound word. Write each compound word on the line.

3. cook +



= _____

4. base +



= _____

5. butter +



= _____

6.



+ fighter = _____

Read the word on each balloon. Color the balloon red if the word has the long *u* sound. Color the balloon blue if the word has the short *u* sound.

7.



8.



9.



10.



FACTOID: A sneeze can travel out of a person's mouth and nose at more than 100 miles (160 km) per hour.

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FACTOIDS found throughout the book keep children entertained with science, geography, and history facts.



Bridging Grades 2–3

Grade-Specific Exercises

Sample page is from *Bridging Grades 2–3* book.

EXAMPLES help guide parents and children through the activities.

Geometry/Grammar

DAY 4

Write the letter of the button that answers each riddle.



A



B



C



D

1. I do not have corners. I have 4 lines of symmetry. Which button am I?

2. I am not round. I have more than 4 corners. I have 1 line of symmetry. Which button am I?

3. I have 4 corners. I have 2 lines of symmetry. My sides are not all equal in length. Which button am I?

4. On a separate sheet of paper, write a riddle for the remaining button. Ask a family member to guess which button you described.

Change each declarative sentence into an interrogative sentence.

EXAMPLE:

The busy mail carrier is leaving.

Is the busy mail carrier leaving?

5. That man is Gary's father. _____

6. She can ride her new bike. _____

7. I will ride the black horse. _____



Bridging Grades 3-4

Grade-Specific Exercises

Sample page is from *Bridging Grades 3-4* book.

FITNESS FLASH appears regularly throughout the sections to remind children that a healthy body is as important as a healthy mind.

DAY 9

Geometry/Language Arts

Does the dotted line in each figure represent a line of symmetry? Circle yes or no.

7. yes no	8. yes no	9. yes no
10. yes no	11. yes no	12. yes no

Complete each sentence with the correct form of *good* or *bad* from the parentheses.

13. The weatherperson said that we will have _____ weather on Thursday. (good, better, best)
14. She said that the weather this weekend will be _____ than today. (good, better, best)
15. Sunday will have the _____ weather this week. (good, better, best)
16. Parts of the country are having _____ storms. (bad, worse, worst)
17. The weatherperson is predicting that the _____ of the snow is coming soon. (bad, worse, worst)
18. Florida usually has _____ weather in the winter. (good, better, best)



FITNESS FLASH: Do 10 jumping jacks.

* See page iii.

PLACE
STICKER
HERE



Bridging Grades 4–5

Grade-Specific Exercises

Sample page is from *Bridging Grades 4–5* book.

Science Experiment

BONUS

Trust Metal to Rust

Will iron nails placed in water rust faster and lose more mass than iron nails placed in sand?

Materials:

- 2 identical glass jars
- 10 iron nails
- 6.75 ounces (200 mL) of distilled water
- balance
- paper towels
- 6.75 ounces (200 mL) of very dry sand

Procedure:

1. Put 200 mL of sand into one jar and 200 mL of water into the other jar.
2. Use the balance to find the mass of five nails. Record the mass in the table. Place the nails into the jar of sand.
3. Use the balance to find the mass of the remaining five nails. Record the mass in the table. Place the second group of nails into the jar of water. Leave both jars in a safe place overnight.
4. The next day, remove the nails from the jar of sand. Place them on a clean, dry paper towel. Remove excess sand, but do not rub the nails.
5. Place the nails on the balance. Record their mass on the data table. Then, place the nails back into the jar of sand. Repeat with the nails in the jar of water.
6. Continue to collect data for three more days. Record your results in the table.

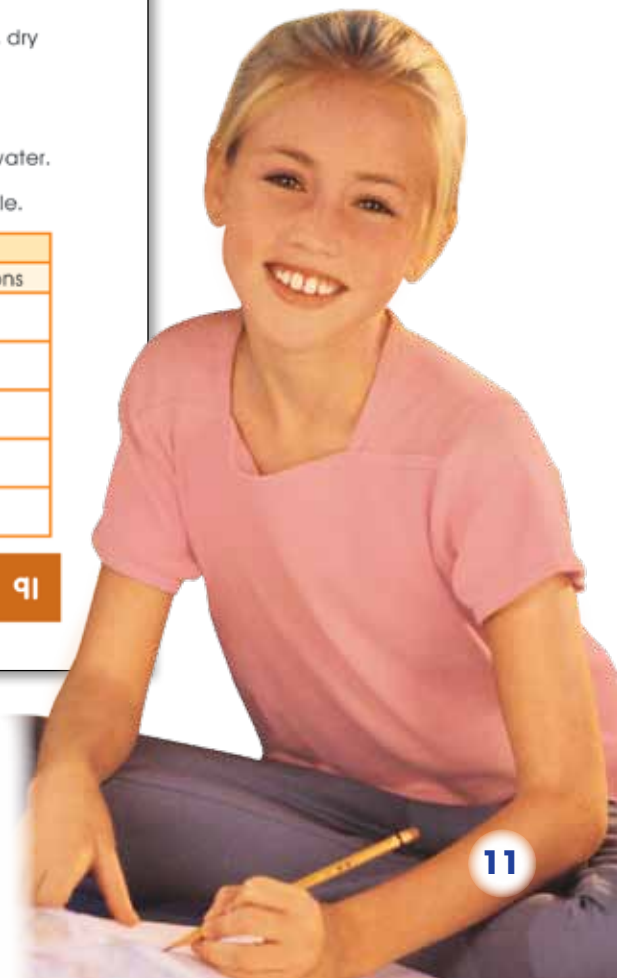
Day	Nails in Sand		Nails in Water	
	Mass	Observations	Mass	Observations
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

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SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS are easy and safe to do and use common household objects and materials.

Hands-on science activities can be found throughout the book and are fun ways to get children actively learning.





Bridging Grades 5–6

Grade-Specific Exercises

Sample page is from *Bridging Grades 5–6* book.

Exercises progress in difficulty to review and then prepare children for the grade ahead.

DAY 15

Language Arts/Science

Circle the two words that are being compared in each sentence. Then, write *S* if the comparison is a simile. Write *M* if it is a metaphor.

21. _____ The row of trees are like soldiers standing at attention.
22. _____ When I looked down from the airplane, the cars on the highway were as small as ants.
23. _____ The sound of waves lapping on the shore reminded me of dogs getting a long drink.
24. _____ Twenty circus clowns were like sardines packed in one car.
25. _____ The fans' stamping feet in the bleachers were beating drums.

Most earthquakes occur at plate boundaries. Study the map of earthquake epicenters and answer the questions.



26. Draw a line around the areas with the most earthquake activity.
27. Why do most earthquakes occur at plate boundaries? _____

CHARACTER CHECK: What does it mean to be optimistic?



Bridging Grades 6–7

Grade-Specific Exercises

Sample page is from *Bridging Grades 6–7* book.

Social Studies Activity

BONUS

Latitude and Longitude

Write the name of the North American city that is found at each latitude and longitude reading.



- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 61°13'N, 149°54'W | 2. 33°45'N, 84°23'W |
| 3. 41°50'N, 87°37'W | 4. 39°45'N, 105°W |
| 5. 47°37'N, 122°20'W | 6. 33°29'N, 112°4'W |
| 7. 32°42'N, 117°10'W | 8. 40°47'N, 73°58'W |
| 9. 45°24'N, 75°43'W | 10. 49°13'N, 123°06'W |

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Children are encouraged to research in order to discover the answers to brain-twisting and challenging activities.





Sample pages are from *Bridging Grades 7–8* book.

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Day 20: 1. 7c, 12c; 2. none; 3. 5t, 7t; 4. none; 5. 5r, 10r; 6. q, 2q, 5q; 7. 5m; 8. already simplified; 9. 2a; 10. 23y; 11. 18q + 14; 12. 5t + 4m; 13.–22. 13–22. Students should circle the words in green: 13. PAST, **enjoyed**; 14. PAST, **did hear**; 15. FUT, **will teach**; 16. PAST, **ate**; 17. PAST, **gave**; 18. PRE, **migrate**; 19. PRE, **enjoys**; 20. PAST, **burned**; 21. PAST, **glanced**; 22. FUT, **will announce**; top of page: answers will vary but may include **fantastic**; words – fantastic, for

DAY 20

1. $7c + 12c - 2$
2. $12t - 10t + 18t$
3. $5t + 7t - 1$
4. $19y - 10$
5. $5r - 10r + 8r$
6. $q + 9 + 2q + 5q$

simplify the following problems. If the problem is already in its simplest form, write *already simplified*.

7. $8m - 3m$
8. $2 + 10k$
9. $5a + 6a - 9a$
10. $6y + 12y + 3y$
11. $8a + 10a + 14$
12. $t + 8m + 4t - 4m$

13. _____ I enjoyed seeing the sights in Seattle, especially the Space Needle.
14. _____ I did not hear you because of the noise in here!
15. _____ Katie will teach English at Gibson Middle School this fall.
16. _____ Tracy's dog ate Ms. Chang's new plant!
17. _____ Chase gave his paper to his professor yesterday afternoon.
18. _____ Every autumn, monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico or the California coast.
19. _____ Alyson enjoys the school lunch whenever they serve spaghetti.
20. _____ The wildfire quickly burned out of control because of the high winds and dry conditions.
21. _____ Mia glanced at the clock every few minutes.
22. _____ Ms. Perez will announce the winner of the essay contest today.

Extension Activities


Children are challenged with real-world activities.

BONUS

Outdoor Extension Activities

Take It Outside!

Look at the picture of a rainbow. Go outside with an adult and try to find one object for each color in the rainbow.



With an adult, find an animal to watch outdoors, such as a frog or squirrel. Do not get too close! Watch how the animal moves. Then, try to move like the animal. Can you do it?

Read the scavenger hunt list. Go outside with an adult. Try to find one object that matches each description.

Scavenger Hunt List

• something wet	• something dry
• something scratchy	• something from a tree
• something soft	• something tall
• something slimy	• something hard
• something pretty	• something blue

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* See page 11.
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Each workbook includes character education and information on health to keep children physically active during the summer!



Language Arts/Fitness

DAY 17

Circle each sentence that is in the correct order and makes sense.

- The most common pets are cats and dogs.
Common dogs and cats are the most pets.
- A pet needs food, exercise, and a good place to live.
A good place to live needs food, exercise, and pets.
- Love pet your is the best thing you give can.
The best thing you can give your pet is love.

Wacky Walkathon

One of the best ways to build endurance is to walk. Grab some friends or family members and get going! Find a safe place, such as a park path, school track, or nature trail. Choose a date and invite your loved ones to join you for a wacky walkathon. To make it fun, have everyone arrive wearing a costume or funny face paint. Then, get your silly group walking. Remind them that they can have fun but that they must walk fast because they are exercising! Some people may not be able to walk for as long or as fast as everyone else. That is OK as long as each walker is doing his best. Try to get the group to meet for several walkathons to get fitter and even sillier as summer goes on!



* See page 11.

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NEW Summer Bridge Activities™ Card Sets



\$8.95
per set

Delight your kids with mind-bending, rib-tickling, brain-boosting fun! These Summer Bridge Activities™ Card Sets are a great companion to the award-winning workbook series, providing hours of fun for everyone. Each boxed set includes two decks of 79 full-color cards, which are held together with a corner grommet to keep the cards from getting lost and to make it easy for children of all ages to hold and flip through the cards no matter where they are. The sets include hundreds of grade-appropriate activities such as jokes, math, fun facts, language arts, word play, picture puzzles, and mind-bogglers. All activities are self-checking with the answers provided on the back. **158 cards per set**

All Summer Bridge Activities™ Card Sets Available:

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RB-934102	(K-1)	RB-934105	(3-4)
RB-934103	(1-2)	RB-934106	(4-5)



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Designed for use with Summer Bridge Activities™ or as stand-alone resources, these workbooks provide focused, in-depth practice on reading and math skills!

