

Gretna Public Schools Summer Reading Opportunities

This document will be emailed to all GPS families and posted on school websites.

- Students in grades 1, 2, and 3, and who qualify through the Acadience Reading test may attend summer school in the month of July.
- Students may visit their home-school library throughout the summer (open library and dates vary depending on sites). Click [HERE](#) for library schedules.
- Students attending Gretna Public Schools can access **Sora**, an online library of e-books, audiobooks, read-along stories, and e-magazines.
 - To access:
 - Use [THIS](https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202670) link (<https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202670>) or download the Sora app on any device.
 - Use [THIS](#) tutorial to log into Sora for the first time using the app (*this is a one-time step*).
 - Students sign in using their GPS Google account.
 - If they do not know their credentials, please contact the librarian at their school.
- The Gretna Public Library invites students attending Gretna Public Schools to join its program opportunities throughout the summer.
 - [Summer Learning Program](#)
 - [Teen Summer Learning Program](#)
 - [Summer Events](#)
- [Capstone Virtual Summer Camp](#)
- Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)- [Activities/Games to Support Early Literacy Skills](#)
- Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)- [Read at Home Plan K-3](#)

- Other resources from NDE (see the table below)
(Your child's teacher can advise upon the recommended area(s) of practice.)

Phonological Awareness

[What are Phonological and Phonemic Awareness?](#) Reading Rockets (Resource)

[Phoneme vs. Phonological Awareness](#) The Reading League (Video)

[44 Phonemes](#) Rollins Center for Language Literacy (Video)

Activities

- [Phonological Activities NebraskaREADS](#) (Activities)
- Phonological Awareness Activities in Spanish, Arabic, Karen, Somali, or Vietnamese NebraskaREADS (Activities)
- [Phonological awareness activities for Kindergarten and First Grade](#) Florida Center for Reading Research (Activities)
- [Phonemic Awareness Activities for Second and Third Grader](#) Florida Center for Reading Research (Activities)

Phonics

[Phonics instruction supports how the brain learns to read](#) World Innovation for Education Summit (Video)

[Phonics and Decoding](#) Reading Rockets (Resource)

[Using a Heart Word approach for High-Frequency Words](#) Really Great Reading (Resource)

[Phonics Instruction](#) Reading Rockets (Videos)

[Syllable types in phonics instruction](#) Reading Rockets (Resource)

Activities

- [Phonics Activities NebraskaREADS](#) (Activities)
- [Phonics Activities for Grades K-1](#) Florida Center for Reading Research (Activities)
- [Phonics Activities for Grades 2-3](#) Florida Center for Reading Research (Activities)

Automatic Word Recognition Fluency

[Oral Reading Fluency: Understanding the Purpose](#) The Reading League (Video)

[What Do We Need to Know about Reading Fluency](#) Jan Hasbrouck Read Naturally (Webinar)

[Orthographic Mapping](#) Keys to Literacy (Resource)

[Orthographic Mapping is a Critical Skill for Learning New Words](#) 95 Percent Group (webinar)

[Orthographic Mapping: What It Is and Why It's Important](#) The Reading League (video)

Activities

- [Fluency Activities NebraskaREADS](#) (Activities)
- [Fluency Activities for Grades K-1](#) Florida Center for Reading Research (Activities)
- [Fluency Activities for Grades 2-3](#) Florida Center for Reading Research (Activities)

Encoding

[How Spelling Supports Reading](#) Reading Rockets (Resource)

[Close Encounters with Students' Spelling: What They Tell Us About Language Learning](#) Voyager Sopris (Webinar)

[Using a Sound Wall Approach](#) Kastner Literacy Collection (Resource)

[Spelling is an Integral Part of Learning the Language, Not a Matter of Memorization](#) by Drs. Malatesha Joshi, Rebecca Treiman, Suzanne Carreker, and Louisa C. Moats American Educator (Resource)

[Guidelines for Effective Phonics Instruction](#) from Keys to Literacy (Resource)

Decodable Text

[Decodable Text Resources](#) Kastner Literacy Collection (Resource)

[Decodable Text Sources](#) Reading League (Resource)

[Teaching with Decodable Texts](#) 95% Group, Inc (Webinar)

[Decodable Text Webinar Series](#) Voyager Sopris (Webinar)

[Deciphering Decodable Texts](#) Reading League (Video)

[Decodable Readers Protocol](#) Achieve the Core (Resource)

[Decodable Words in Isolation and in Text](#) Institute of Education (Video)

Vocabulary/Morphology

[Vocabulary matters – A brief explanation of The Matthew Effect](#) Achieve the Core (video)

[What should morphology instruction in early grades look like?](#) Reading Rockets (Resource)

[How Morphology Informs Spelling](#) Rhode Island Department of Education (Resource)

[Morphological Awareness: One Piece of the Literacy Pie](#) The International Dyslexia Association (Resource)

[Selecting and Using Academic Vocabulary in Instruction](#) Achieve the Core (Resource)

Activities

- [Vocabulary Activities NebraskaREADS](#) (Activities)
- [Teaching morphology to improve literacy instruction](#) (Nikki Zeh Resource and Activities)
- [Creating word matrices to teach morphology](#) (Activities)
- [Word Knowledge, Morphemic Elements, Word Meaning, and Word Analysis for Grades K-1](#) Florida Center for Reading Research (Activities)
- [Word Knowledge, Morphemic Elements, Word Meaning, and Word Analysis for Grades 2-3](#) Florida Center for Reading Research (Activities)

Syntax/Grammar

- [Teaching grammar and syntax can improve reading comprehension](#) Reading Rockets (Resource)
- [Syntax Matters](#) by William Van Cleave (Video)
- [The Writing Revolution](#) (Resource and Videos)
- [Sentence Level Concepts and Skills: An Introduction](#) LD Online (Resource)
- [A Syntax-focused Kindergarten Lesson](#) LiteracyHow (Video)
- [Connectives](#) from Institute of Education Sciences (Video)
- Recommendation 1 from the IES Practice Guide “Foundational Skills to Support Reading for Understanding in Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade”: [Teach students academic language skills, including the use of inferential and narrative language, and vocabulary knowledge](#) (see Example 1.4, page 10) (Resource)
- [Syntactic Awareness](#) Teaching Sentence Structure, Keys to Literacy (Resource)
- Sentence structures that are challenging for children to comprehend. See [Juicy Sentence Guidance](#), Achieve the Core (Resource)
- Recommendation 3 from the IES Practice Guide “Teaching Elementary Students to Be Effective Writers:” [Teach students to become fluent with handwriting, spelling, sentence construction, typing, and word processing](#) (p. 30–32) (Resource)
- [Sentence Expanding](#), Iowa Reading Research Center (Resource)
- [Sentence Combining](#), Reading Rockets (Resource)

- [IES Practice Guide “Foundational Skills to Support Reading for Understanding in Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade”](#) (Resource and Research)
- Scott, Cheryl M. (2009). [A Case for the Sentence in Reading Comprehension](#). Language, Speech, And Hearing Services In Schools. (40) 184-191. (Research)
- [Syntax LiteracyHow](#) (Resource)

Knowledge

[Why build knowledge and vocabulary?](#) Achieve the Core (Resource)

Wexler, N. (Summer, 2020). [Building Knowledge: What an Elementary Curriculum Should Do](#), American Teacher Magazine. (Resource)

[Building Knowledge: Expanding the World Through Reading](#) Achieve the Core (Resource)

[Supporting Knowledge Building Achieve the Core](#) (Research)

[Building Background Knowledge](#) Reading Rocket (Resource)

[Building World Knowledge](#) Achieve Network (Video)

[Knowledge Matters](#) from TNTP (Grade 2 instructional example)

[Building Knowledge](#) from Achieve the Core (Resource Module)

Building Knowledge Using Informational Text Read Alouds

[Reading to Learn from the Start: The Power of Interactive Read-Alouds](#), Wright, T. (Winter, 2018-2019) American Federation of Teachers (Resource)

[Nurturing the Inquiring Mind Through the Nonfiction Read-Aloud](#) Reading Rocket (Article)

[Read Aloud Project](#) Achieve the Core (Resource)

Building Knowledge Using Text Sets [Text Set Project](#) Achieve the Core (Resource)

[Teaching with Text Sets: K-5 Instructional Practices and Reading Resources for Building Knowledge](#) Great Minds (Webinar)

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