

Summer Bucket List



Use this activity at the end of the year to help students create ideas for what to do this summer when they are “so bored.” If students will be home while parents are working for much of the summer, try to stick to activities that students will have (some) control over. If students will be in camp for much of summer, they may want to create a bucket list of things to do with their families on the weekends (you can send home lots of empty strips for them to write on with their families).

Copy either template onto cardstock (one is easier to cut than the other). Staple a page of the same color cardstock behind it, stapling along the lines of the bucket.

You can also have students hold both pages (template and blank) together while they cut along the lines and then glue or tape the edges together.

Students cut along the bottom rim of the top page, to create a “bucket.” Give students strips of paper for writing items they want to have on their summer bucket list.

Here are some ideas to put on the board to get students started making their own lists.

People to whom I want write letters:

Books I want to read:

Board games I have at home:

Activities at the library (you can look these up ahead of time to offer suggestions)

Outdoor games I love to play (hopscotch, jump rope, hula hoop, etc.)

Things I can make from recyclables at home:

Museums near where I live:

Activities my family loves to do:

List hobbies and specific goals (If they want to plant 5 things in their garden, make a strip for each one. If they like hikes, make a strip for each hiking spot they want to visit.)

Things I can make from a cardboard box and recyclables: my dream pool, my dream playground, a hotel for animals, my dream house, a robot.

Act

Walk

Plant Flowers

Write Grandma

Hoop

Scrabble

Impromptu

MY SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Things I could learn to do:

- ✓ Learn how to ride a bike
- ✓ Learn how to snap
- ✓ Learn how to whistle
- ✓ Learn how to tie your shoes
- ✓ Learn how to jump rope
- ✓ Learn how to tell time
- ✓ Learn how to swim
- ✓ Learn how make a meal for yourself
- ✓ Learn how to use the washer and dryer
- ✓ Learn how to wash dishes
- ✓ Learn how to sew
- ✓ Learn how to garden
- ✓ Learn how to create a schedule
- ✓ Learn how to create a budget
- ✓ Learn etiquette rules for fancy dinners
- ✓ Learn how to separate recycling
- ✓ Learn to recognize poisonous plants & animals



MY SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Make a treasure map and have a treasure hunt.

Paint a fence with water and a clean paintbrush.

Have a paper plane making and throwing contest.

Use a spray bottle to slowly water plants.

Go on a bug hunt.

Go on a flower hunt.

Jump rope.

Go on a neighborhood walk and make a map.

Throw a football.

Play catch with a baseball.

Shoot hoops above the garage door.

Play backboard tennis against the garage door.

Play croquet in the backyard.

Create a mini golf course from cardboard boxes.

Play badminton in the backyard.

Play Frisbee.

Create flower boxes.

Make paper boats.

Make a mud kitchen.

Play hacky sack.

Paint rocks and start a “rock snake” in the neighborhood.

Draw with chalk.

Play hopscotch.

Play stickman (hangman).

Have a teddy bear picnic.

Have a doll tea party.

Look through old photo albums.

Make a thank-you card for the mail carrier or
garbage collector.

Cut a magazine picture in half and draw the rest.

Play cat's cradle.

Get a flashlight and make shadow puppets.

Make a zipline for toy dolls.

Use magnet tiles to make a maze for a ping-pong
ball.

Play freeze dance.

Make paper bag puppets.

Make cards to send to friends.

