



VOLUME FIVE  
2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

# KS SCOOP

A NEWSLETTER SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF POSITIVE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Dear KS Students & Parents,

We want to take the opportunity to thank you for being an integral part of making the 2017-18 school year a successful one! As we plan for 2018-19 school year, here's a glimpse of what's happening!

- KS will continue to incorporate Pearson learning materials to supplement teaching and learning. This includes Reading Street, EnVision Math, and Interactive Science for grades K-8. Grades 7-12 will incorporate the myPerspectives literacy program while grade 9 will also use the EnVision Math Algebra I program.
- We'll continue to use Rediker as our student information system. This year we used the attendance, grade book and report card components, and integrated the discipline component and the parent portal to allow parents to access a 'one-stop-shop' for student information.
- As always, we'll offer parent training sessions to help parents integrate the use of Rediker and PearsonRealize at home. Details to follow in August 2018.
- Finally, please save the date! Kingdom School will host a **Meet-the-Teacher** on **Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** If you are in the city, please stop to meet the teacher before the official start of school (Sunday, September 2, 2018). The KS staff return to work on Sunday, August 5, 2018. More detailed information will follow at that time.

Thank you for choosing Kingdom School! We wish you and yours a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer vacation!

**MEET-THE-TEACHER**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

# SUMMER RESOURCES

Here are some Reading Rocket ideas to stop the dreaded summer slide:

For most parents, it's a challenge to keep children reading and writing all summer. Suddenly 10 weeks of summer can feel like a very long time! We've got a summer literacy challenge for you and your child. It's manageable –pick just one thing a week to kickstart your week's literacy adventures. It's also challenging enough to include a wide range of literacy fun for the whole family.

**Investigate the public library's summer reading program.** Most libraries offer a special program or two during the summer, including puppet shows, book authors and children's storytellers. Most are free of charge.

**Extend your reading circle.** We often find ourselves checking out the same types of books repeatedly. This week's challenge is to bring a new type of book into the house. Consider science fiction, historical fiction, poetry, biography, or an informational book.

**Listen up!** Audiobooks are a great way to engage readers and can introduce students to books above their reading level. Many libraries have audiobooks available for check out, and an Internet search can turn up several sites, including [Speakaboos.com](http://Speakaboos.com), that offer free audio books for children.

**Make your own audio book!** Most phones and computers have simple recording apps on them which are perfect for making homemade audio books! Have your child make up a story or reread a favorite loved book. The recordings will be priceless!

**Go wordless.** Wordless picture books are told entirely through their illustrations — they are books without words, or sometimes just a few words. Grab a few wordless books the next time you're at the library and have fun "reading" different versions of the same story. The language and the conversation will inspire you!

**Visit a museum, online!** You'll be surprised by how much you can explore without leaving your house. One example is the Smithsonian Institution Kids site. It's complete with offerings from Art to Zoo, for kids and students of all ages. The National Museum located in the King Abdulaziz Historical Center here in Riyadh is also a wonderful place for a summer learning adventure!

**Pack in a whole adventure!** Find FREE themed reading adventure packs that encourage hands-on fun and learning, centered around paired fiction and nonfiction books. Visit Reading Rockets and search Adventure Pack.

**Point, shoot, and write.** Most families have access to a digital camera, iPad, or camera phone. Snap some photos and then encourage your child to write a silly caption for each photo. Not feeling that ambitious? Cut out some pictures from a magazine or the newspaper and have your child write original captions for those.

**Mix up the media.** Your child has read every Clifford book on the shelf. But has she heard Clifford author Normal Bridwell talk about writing? Explore author interviews from over 100 authors on Reading Rockets Author Interview page. We'll bet you can't watch just one.

**Write it down.** Encourage your child to keep a simple journal or summer diary. Track interesting things like the number of fireflies seen in one minute, the number of mosquito bites on a leg, or the different types of food that can go on the grill. Each entry is a chance to be creative!

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## Useful Mathematics Websites

**Math-drills.com:** Math problems for addition, subtraction, ordering, multiplication, & division, w/numbers, fractions, decimals, percent, algebra, & geometry

**Mathgames.com:** Online games and printable worksheets to practice math skills recommended by the CXSS in exciting game formats.

**Varsitytutors.com/practice-tests:** Variety of online test practice and tutoring services.