

Summer Websites

ixl.com — A math skills review website that lets students answer 20 practice questions each day for free

Gws.ala.org — Great Websites for Kids, curated by the American Library Association

WatchKnowLearn.org — Educational videos on a wide variety of learning topics

Kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids — National Geographic for Kids

Toondoo.com — Create comic books online

Conjuguemos.com — Language learning activities

Quizlet.com and **Quia.com** — Create quizzes to help study

Flocabulary.com — Great way for middle and high school students to keep up with current events using weekly rap music videos. It requires a subscription, but it's pretty easy to get free trial subscriptions.

BrainPop.com — Great animated games to keep your brain in shape! They offer a selection of **free games here**. Other material requires a subscription.

Wizard101 — Go on a quest to save Wizard City, and practice math, strategy, teamwork, reading, following directions, world history and more at the same time

KhanAcademy — Learn just about anything for free using the KhanAcademy's bank of exercises and videos

NGA.gov — Play games and learn about art and history on the National Gallery of Art website

Fun Family Learning — An excellent, huge list of online educational resources

[Magic Tree House](#)

If your students like *The Magic Tree House* series (and let's be honest, who doesn't?), they'll love The Magic Tree House website. Students climb up the tree and enter the tree house to find some great puzzles, fun games and quizzes on any of the 45+ MTH books

[ReadWriteThink Printing Press](#)

ReadWriteThink creates a lot of great educational resources. With Printing Press, students can create a booklet, flyer, brochure or newspaper fairly easily. There is a nice guide that walks you through the process, and the focus is on writing. There is a place within each publication for a picture, but not one that you can add from your computer. This space is reserved for students to draw a picture after printing. I'm all for creativity, but it would be nice to have the option of adding a photo or graphic.

[Learn Your Tables](#)

Learn Your Tables is a nice interactive site that allows students to practice their multiplication times tables. Learn Your Tables is ideal for introducing topics on an interactive whiteboard (not that you'll have

one over summer, but it's good for thinking about next school year), and for extension material on individual computers or in a lab

[Cool Math](#)

Probably one of my favorite math sites, Cool Math is "designed for the pure enjoyment of mathematics." This interactive site features a plethora of fun games, puzzles, calculators and lesson plans

[Math Live](#)

Math Live, a fantastic site for upper elementary students, is full of cartoon math tutorials on subjects like fractions, multiplication, area and perimeter, tessellations, probability, and a variety of other topics. The glossary section is an amazing collection of math concepts animated for more solid understanding

[Number Gossip](#)

Number Gossip is a simple search box where you enter any number and receive back "everything you wanted to know about the number but were afraid to ask." For example, I entered the number 38 and got these facts: 38 is the magic constant in the only possible magic hexagon (which utilizes all the natural integers up to and including 19); XXXVIII (38) is lexicographically the last string which represents a valid Roman numeral; 38 is the largest even number which cannot be written as the sum of two odd composite numbers.

[MathRun](#)

A fun site for practicing basic math facts, Mathrun is a simple idea (math problems float up the screen, and you have to tell whether they are correct or incorrect), and I love simplicity. There is no registration required and no advertisements -- I love this, too. Mathrun rates your brain speed (I got mine up to 140 mph before having to get back to work) and keeps a running total of how many problems you solved correctly. This is a great site to use for independent practice

[Academic Skill Builders](#)

Academic Skill Builders is a research-based and standards-aligned free website featuring educational math and language arts games that will engage, motivate and help students improve their academic skills. There are many interactive games to choose from and they're all pretty fun, have decent graphics/sound effects, and offer great practice to specific skills.