



JUNE 15 – AUGUST 15 SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

KERA invites you and your child to take part in our **Summer Learning Challenge**. Many children lose academic skills and knowledge over the summer vacation. This **Summer Learning Challenge** includes a **STEAM** packet with fun-filled activities, games and parent resources to help your child avoid “summer learning loss.” Children earn points and receive special KERA and PBS gifts and prizes for completing activities.

Visit kerakids.org/steam for more information.



*Parents, encourage your children to learn more about **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics** by working together to complete these summer activities.

Sign-up for the
Full **STEAM** Ahead
Education E-newsletter

Watch New PBS Kids
episodes

Complete the KERA & PBS
Summer Reading List

Earn points for summer
activities and earn cool
KERA & PBS giveaways

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

KERA would like to invite you and your child to take part in a special Summer Learning Challenge. During the summer, many children lose some of the academic skills and knowledge they learned during the school year. This is known as “summer learning loss.”

By taking part in the KERA Summer Learning Challenge you will help your child engage in a series of fun-filled science, math, art and reading activities designed to help him/her succeed.

School stops for summer....learning never should. For more information and to register your child for the Summer Learning Challenge visit our website at kerakids.org/steam or contact Denita Malvern, Community Engagement Coordinator at engage@kera.org or 214.740.9335.



KERA Summer Learning Challenge Registration Form

Thank you for taking part in KERA's Summer Learning Challenge. Please complete one registration form for the children in your household.

Parent Name(s): _____

Home Phone: () _____ or Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____@_____

Do you have the following social media accounts?

Facebook YES or NO Facebook: _____

Twitter YES or NO Twitter handle: _____

Instagram YES or NO Instagram: _____

How would you like to receive information and updates from KERA?

Cell phone E-mail Twitter Facebook

What educational resources/materials would you like to receive from KERA?

Child Name	Age (up to 12 years old)
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I agree to help my child/children complete the KERA Summer Learning Challenge activities and authorize KERA to use my child/children's image in its sole discretion to promote the Summer Learning Challenge and all education projects.

Parent Signature

Date



KERA SUMMER CHALLENGE CHECKLIST

Activity 1: Pick up/download Summer Challenge materials (5 points) _____ PTS

Activity 2: Sign-up for the Full STEAM Ahead Education E-newsletter (5 points) _____ PTS

Activity 3: Like the [KERA American Graduate Facebook](#) page (5 points) _____ PTS

Activity 4: Watch NEW PBS KIDS episodes on KERA TV (5 points) _____ PTS

Activity 5: Complete at least three activities from the KERA (10 points) _____ PTS
Full STEAM Ahead Education E-newsletter

Activity 6: Complete the KERA and PBS Summer Reading List (10 points) _____ PTS

Activity 7: Complete at least one activity from the three Summer Safari themes (5 points) _____ PTS

Activity 8: Prepare a recipe together as a family (5 points) _____ PTS

Activity 9: Complete our weekly Facebook tip or download a mobile app (10 points) _____ PTS

Activity 10: Attend a Community Event (10 points) _____ PTS

Total Points: _____

Congratulations! You have completed the KERA Summer Challenge. Please send us your completed checklist, and we will send you a special KERA STEAM prize pack.

I solemnly share that I completed all the steps on the Summer Challenge and had fun doing it!

Participating children sign here:

Child #1: _____

Child #2: _____

Child #3: _____

Child #4: _____

ACTIVITY 1: PICK-UP Summer Challenge Packet

Pick up your free summer learning packet (reading charts, bookmarks, activity sheets and parent resources) and have each child complete and sign the **Summer Challenge Pledge**. You can pick up the materials at KERA or download the materials from our website – kerakids.org/steam. Each child will receive **5 points for completing and returning the pledge**.

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*ask the receptionist for the **Summer Challenge** packet

Directions: Review all of the documents included in the Summer Challenge checklist and follow the instructions. All documents can be scanned and emailed to engage@kera.org or mailed to the address listed above.



ACTIVITY 2: Sign-up for KERA's Full STEAM Ahead Education E-newsletter

Visit KERA's kids website at kerakids.org/steam and sign-up for our weekly STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) newsletter. This online guide gives parents helpful tips, fun activities and targeted resources for your children. **Each child will receive 5 points if a parent signs up for the e-newsletter.**



ACTIVITY 3: Like the KERA American Graduate Facebook page

Like us on Facebook and each child will **receive 5 points**. Share your Summer Challenge photos, activities and adventures and **receive 2 points** for each post.



ACTIVITY 4: Watch the NEW PBS Kids episodes on KERA TV (Channel 13)

Watch our new summer episodes together with your child and **receive 5 points**.

Visit kerakids.org/steam for a complete summer schedule of your favorite PBS shows.

- **June** – The summer adventure kicks off with all new episodes of **Dinosaur Train** including the premiere of an all-new **Zeppelin Adventure!** Buddy and the Pteranodon family fly in the experimental Dinosaur Train Zeppelin back to the time of Pangaea.
- **July** – On July 1, check-out the hit movie **Wild Kratts: Back in Creature Time** and get ready for two new episodes of **Wild Kratts** every Wednesday.
- **August** – It's a back to back movie marathon starring everyone's favorite monkey, **Curious George** on August 17 with **Curious George 3: Back to the Jungle**.

*Draw a picture of the episode's animal or dinosaur and post it on our Facebook page. **2 points for each post.***



ACTIVITY 5: Complete at least three activities from the Full STEAM Ahead E-newsletter

You and your child/children will review the weekly STEAM E-newsletters. Select at least three activities featuring one of your favorite PBS characters and post your activity on our Facebook page or tweet using the hashtag #KERASTEAM. **Receive 10 points for posting at least three activities and 2 points for each additional activity.**



ACTIVITY 6: Complete the KERA and PBS Summer Reading List

Visit your local library and select a book from the summer reading list (a copy of each list can be found online at kerakids.org/steam and in your summer challenge packet) or select a book featuring your favorite subject or character. Be sure to include books on science.

Give each child a reading chart and have them write down his or her name and the title of each book s/he reads over the summer. For children who cannot read independently, fill out the chart with books that you reach together. **Receive five points for each book and a bonus point for each book off of the KERA and PBS Summer Reading List.**



ACTIVITY 7: Complete at least one activity from the 3 Summer Safari themes

Visit the Summer Challenge page at kerakids.org/steam and review the Summer Safari section. Complete at least one activity from each of the three themes – Dinosaur Train, Wild Kratts and Curious George. Take a picture of yourself completing the activity and post on Facebook or send us an email at engage@kera.org. **Receive 5 points for each activity.**



ACTIVITY 8: Prepare a recipe together as a family

Discover the Kitchen Explorers website at - <http://www.pbs.org/parents/kitchenexplorers/>. Pick one sweet recipe and one recipe with vegetables to make as a family. Post a photo on our Facebook page or email us at engage@kera.org.



ACTIVITY 9: Complete our weekly Facebook tip or download a Sesame Street App

Review the free **Sesame Street** Apps resource sheet in the Summer Challenge packet. Select an app to download and write a review with your child of the mobile app. **Receive 5 points for each mobile app.** The review can be emailed to us at engage@kera.org or posted on our Facebook page. You can also comment on our weekly Facebook parent tip. **Receive 1 point for each comment posted to our Facebook page.**



ACTIVITY 10: Attend a Community Event

You and your family should attend a community event in your area. Need a few ideas? Check out the events calendar on KERA's artandseek.org. Snap a few pics of you and your family attending the event and post to our [Facebook](#) page.