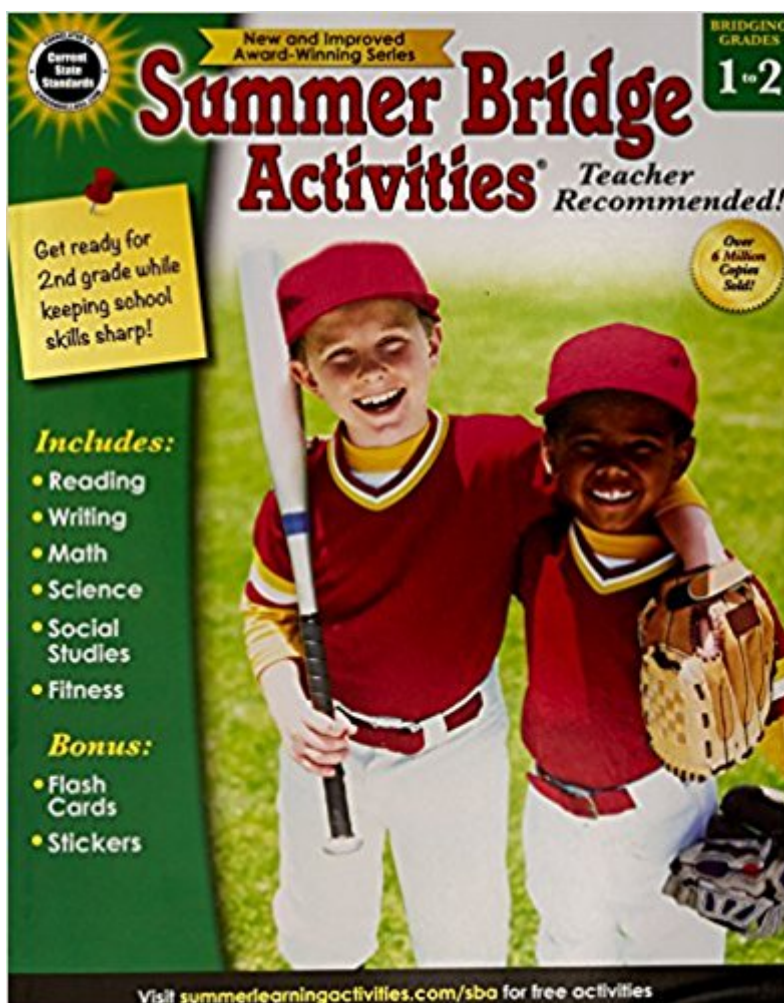




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# Summer Bridge Activities®, Grades 1 - 2



## Synopsis

Give your soon-to-be second grader a head start on their upcoming school year with Summer Bridge Activities: Bridging Grades 1-2. With daily, 15-minute exercises kids can review two-digit place value and verb tenses and learn new skills like measurement and compound words. This workbook series prevents summer learning loss and paves the way to a successful new school year. And this is no average workbook! Summer Bridge Activities keeps the fun and the sun in summer break! Designed to prevent a summer learning gap and keep kids mentally and physically active, the hands-on exercises can be done anywhere. These standards-based activities help kids set goals, develop character, practice fitness, and explore the outdoors. With 12 weeks of creative learning, Summer Bridge Activities keeps skills sharp all summer long!

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## Customer Reviews

School stops for the summer, but learning never should! Research shows that many students forget important school skills over the long summer vacation. Prevent summer learning loss with the award-winning, best-selling Summer Bridge Activities®. Get ready for second grade! This complete summer learning program provides daily activities for 12 weeks of brain-building practice. Review first grade skills and get a head start on second grade topics. All activities support current

state standards: Reading comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Math skills, Shapes, Measurement, Social studies, Science. Exclusive features for an active, healthy summer! Keep young minds and bodies strong and active all summer long. Exclusive bonus features provide activities that get kids moving, thinking, learning, and doing: Monthly goal setting, Values, Character development, Fitness, Hands-on projects, Outdoor learning.

We have used the Summer Bridge series for all 3 kids for the past 4 years. The books do a great job providing some structured learning for the kids over the summer. Do not expect this to be a summer tutor or be something to advance their skills. What it does well is give your kids some refresher activities to do on a daily/weekly basis just to keep their brains from turning to mush. What we really like about the Summer Bridge series is that there are "extra credit" tasks that really do go beyond their regular lessons, plus there are physical activities for the kids to perform at the end of each week. There are enough lessons to do one every day all summer long - about 15-20 min per page. Or you can group them and have your kids do a couple of hours of work in a block each week. Do not expect this to be something to keep your kids occupied for a couple of hours each day nor should you expect this to teach your kids a lot of new things. It is a review / refresher approach that just keeps kids in the habit of engaging their brains!

I bought K to 1, 1st to 2nd, and 3rd to 4th. These are definitely better than the First Grade Bound (etc) that I bought last year (those ones had no order, no plan, and didn't match grade levels well). I really liked the daily break down of the Summer Bridge books. It was a clear and easy to follow - so easy the kids didn't need me to tell them what to do each day. They matched grade level fairly well. But holy cow these books are BORING! It's just work. Blah. There is no attempt to actually engage the children, just busy work. My husband and I are college graduates and are education-minded. We push our kids to learn for learning's sake, but these books make education as boring as it can get. If you want bland just-do-this-and-get-it-over-with work to keep the brain going, these are more than adequate. I'm looking forward to trying out the Brain Quest Summer books which seem to make it more of a game and the activities are not just long lists of boring-ness. My other complaint is the inconsistency in the grade levels. The 1st to 2nd grade was the best one - well balanced and challenging enough to keep the brain going, but easy enough for light summer work. It had a particularly good ratio of math, language, reading, writing, and social studies and pretty much all of the activities were manageable with the right amount of challenge. The K to 1 book was mostly ok. The first of the three sections was so ridiculously easy that my daughter did it all on her own before

school was even over (she wanted to!). It was activities like circling the right number of apples or just writing a single letter a bunch of times. She finished what was supposed to be a month's worth of work in about a week in her spare time. Fortunately we didn't need all three sections since their summer is only 9 weeks, so the other two sections got us through the rest of the summer doing a two-sided page "day" 5 days a week. The 3rd to 4th grade book had the opposite problem. It started off great, but halfway through the second section much of the math was getting overly busy and sometimes too complex. There were many division problems that are beyond what he had learned in 3rd grade, and he's in G.A.T.E. In class they only covered multiplication and division 0-12. Example:  $496 / 4 = \underline{\quad}$ . Example: A word problem where he has to work out either  $162 / 18$  or  $18 \times \underline{\quad} = 162$ . He got the concepts as I taught them, but it was frustrating. Some activities were just too lengthy for a quick summer book, such as a set of 10 addition problems like this:  $8214 + 7716 + 6389 = \underline{\quad}$ . It's not that it was hard, but does he really need to do 10 of those, on top of three other activities? One of which is MORE math? There were many times his brother and sister would be done with their books plus 20 minutes of reading and in the pool while he was still working. Granted he likes to stall, so I always had him finish it to avoid rewarding his stalling, but I have to admit that I thought it was too much busy work. That and I found myself teaching him stuff he'd never seen before. Bottom line is that these books were inconsistent and tedious and I will try others before I buy them again.

This book has great learning activities with a good variety of activities so it's not the same worksheet every day. I love how there are active challenges like do 20 jumping jacks or directions for an outside activity. Over the summer I had my daughter do a day in the book each day before she could get technology time.

This is the second summer I've bought these books. I've tried several brands and these have been the most helpful! Each day mixes some easy lessons with more challenging ones. Do they love to do workbooks? Not really...but they at least enjoy using the provided stickers when finishing a lesson (a little box is provided at the bottom of each lesson).

If you have a child that needs more challenge this is the book for them! It is a great way to keep the previous year's learning fresh and introduces them to a bit of what they will be learning in the year to come. Not as easy-breezy as Scholastic - but perfect for those who need more challenge.

Provided a lot of great practice work for my daughter to keep her mind going between 1st and 2nd grade. I definitely plan to purchase in summers to come for the appropriate grade level for her and my sons.

I like these books. This is our second year to buy them and I am still a fan. The kids like them too....well as much as they would like any workbook to do over the summer. I think the little exercise breaks, fun facts, and science ideas help a lot. It breaks up the work and makes this workbook more fun.

This book is great for summer work. It covers both grades so they may need help with some things depending on what their school taught. A great in between to help them start school in fall without losing anything over the summer. We do a few pages per day and then some reading. I recommend, we also add ABC Mouse and Starfall websites for "fun" while learning.

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