

SCHOLASTIC  
**SCHOLAR ZONE™**

Powered by BellXcel

SUMMER



The Fun & Joyful Curriculum to  
**ACCELERATE STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT**

# Elevate Summer Learning and **EMPOWER RISING SCHOLARS**

Tailored for an enriching summer experience, Scholastic Scholar Zone Summer Powered by BellXcel is a comprehensive K-8 reading and math program designed for extended learning beyond regular school hours. Built on evidence-based practices and aligned with the Science of Reading, it incorporates instructional best practices to drive consistent outcomes and academic gains.



*I have seen my son be more willing to read and want to engage more. He is very excited every morning to attend the program and have fun with his staff and peers. I have seen him be more willing to learn.*

-2023 summer parent



*My scholars were learning math while playing a game and didn't think it was math. They enjoyed it and wanted to play more and learn more.*

- 2023 summer staff member



# A PROVEN, QUALITY PROGRAM BASED ON EVIDENCE

Scholastic Scholar Zone Summer is built upon BellXcel's evidence-based model with a decades-long track record of improved student and educator outcomes.


- ✓ The RAND Corporation's independent review of summer programs nationwide confirms that BellXcel **meets the highest levels of evidence**—one of only 43 summer programs in the U.S. with that distinction.
- ✓ 2023 BellXcel outcomes and survey responses show programs were successful in reversing summer learning loss for youth in need of academic supports, leading to a **+2.0 month grade-equivalent gain in literacy and a +2.5 month gain in math skills**.
- ✓ In a new national survey led by RAND, teachers using BellXcel were more likely to report that summer professional learning helped **improve their use of student-centered practices during the school year**.

## Quality Outcomes Matter

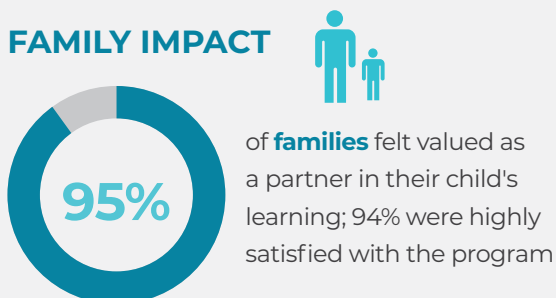
Built by educators for educators, Scholastic Scholar Zone Summer Powered by BellXcel empowers our customers to improve student and educator outcomes in ways that continue into the school year.

### SCHOLAR IMPACT

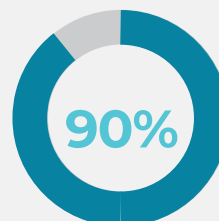
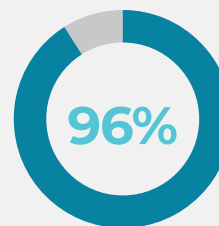
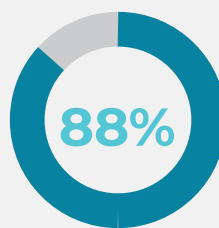
 **2+ months**  
average reading gain

 **2.5+ months**  
average math gain

### FAMILY IMPACT



### STAFF IMPACT



Source: 2023 BellXcel outcomes and survey responses

# FLEXIBLE READING, WRITING, AND MATH CURRICULUM

Perfect for summer programs!

## FEATURES

- ✓ Five to six weeks of 90-minute daily instruction in reading and writing and 90 minutes in math
- ✓ A variety of engaging whole-group, small-group, and independent learning activities that include cross-content reading and writing
- ✓ A comprehensive curriculum coupled with Teacher's Guides, Student Handbooks, and high-interest fiction and informational texts



## Mastering math: unlock the potential of every learner



“Prior to your program my child struggled in math. It was his least favorite subject. Now my child is more confident in math and is ready for the school year.”  
 - 2023 parent of program scholar

### MATH DAILY BLOCKS ARE COMPRISED OF 4 INTENTIONAL SECTIONS

**Whole Group Instruction (30 mins)**  
 Math books (K)  
 Scholastic PRIME (1-7)  
 Scholastic MATH (8<sup>th</sup>)

**Teacher-Led Math Instruction (30 mins)**  
 Math books (K-2)  
 DynaMath Articles (3-6)  
 Scholastic MATH (7-8)

**Independent/Partner Work (30 mins)**  
 Student pages

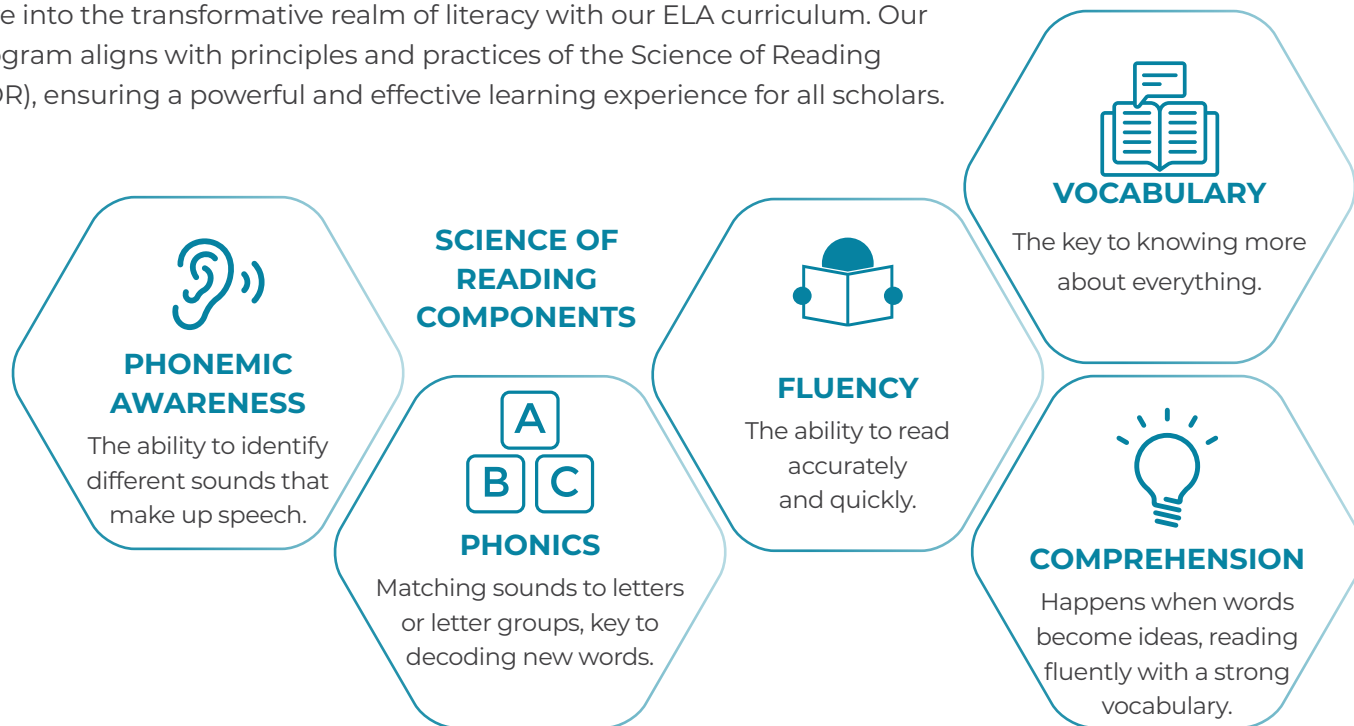
### MATH CONTENT IS ALIGNED TO CORE CONCEPTS THAT SCAFFOLD AND RECUR OVER THE COURSE OF YEARS.

- ✓ Develop metacognition and mathematical thinking by leveraging different representation of the mathematical concept.
- ✓ Engage consistent pedagogy with a strong focus on problem solving.
- ✓ Support real-life application of mathematical concepts via the math readers and magazines.
- ✓ Create opportunities for scholars to engage with and practice the eight standards of mathematical practice.

# Engaging ELA: High-interest texts and quality content

## SCIENCE OF READING ALIGNMENT

Dive into the transformative realm of literacy with our ELA curriculum. Our program aligns with principles and practices of the Science of Reading (SOR), ensuring a powerful and effective learning experience for all scholars.



## ELA DAILY BLOCKS ARE COMPRISED OF 4 INTENTIONAL SECTIONS

**Whole Group Instruction (30 mins)**      Read-aloud books  
Student pages

**Teacher-Led Reading Instruction (20 mins)**      Books for small groups

**Independent/Partner Work (20 mins)**      Book Club books  
Letters & Sounds  
Decodable Readers  
Word Study

**Writing (20 mins)**      Intro to writing books  
Genre (k-2)

## ELEVATE YOUR TEACHING EXPERIENCE WITH COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCES

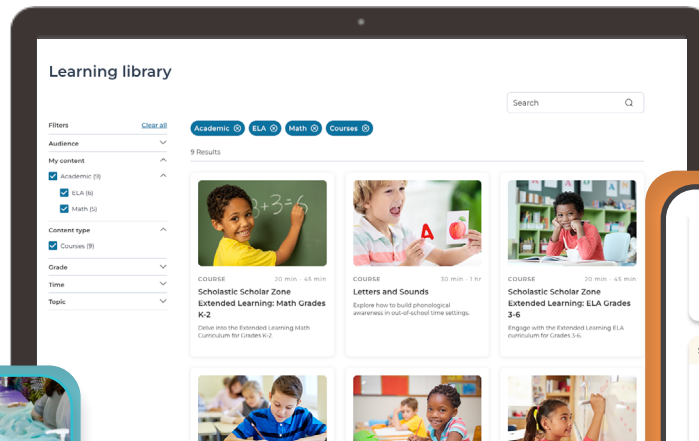
- **Teacher guides** go beyond planning and pacing, offering scaffolded lessons for each element.
- **Detailed scope & sequence** highlights key objectives, and SOR alignment for K-2 ensures fidelity in implementation.
- Asynchronous **professional learning** modules deepen understanding of the curriculum approach and methodology.

*“ I really enjoyed the read-aloud stories, and my students did, too. They were engaging!*

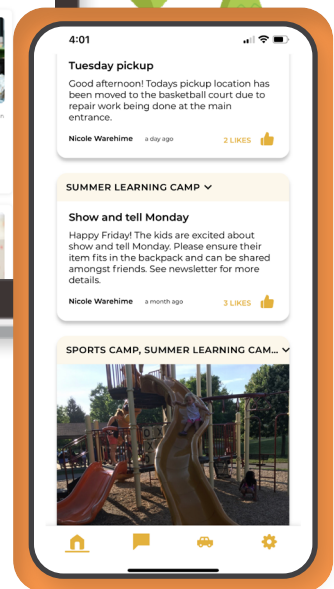
- 2023 summer staff member

# ACCESS SCHOLAR ZONE RESOURCES **ALL IN ONE PLACE**

Scholar Zone Summer includes a subscription to Arly, BellXcel's youth program management solution. Arly provides one-stop access to all Scholar Zone digital materials, plus the tools and resources that teachers and administrators need to run a summer program.



Arly explorers					
Pacing Guide					
Grades 1/2					
Theme	Adventures <small>One per day</small>	Discussions <small>One discussion or connection activity per day</small>	Connections <small>One discussion or connection activity per week</small>	Life Skills <small>Two life skills activities per week</small>	Fitness
Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Days for the Weather</li> <li>Season of Fun</li> <li>Shadow It!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasons of Weather</li> <li>Scary Weather</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunshine and Ice</li> <li>Rainstorm Circle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counting Code Books</li> <li>Activity: Self Assessment: Animal Match</li> <li>Discussion: Self Assessment: What Do You Enjoy?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fitness Fundamentals: Core: Sit-ups</li> <li>Blat! A Hop, Skip, and a Jump</li> <li>Blat! Obstacle Fun</li> <li>Blat! Obstacle Missions</li> </ul>
Animation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flublock</li> <li>Madagascar</li> <li>My Drawing is Floating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animation and Reading</li> <li>Animated Worlds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan the Party: Fun</li> <li>Human Substitutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity: Communication Skills</li> <li>Discussion: Communication Skills</li> <li>Communication Skills: Communicating in Context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fitness Fundamentals: Writing: Warm-ups</li> <li>Blat! Endurance</li> <li>Blat! Stand</li> <li>Blat! Squat Jumps, Sit</li> </ul>
Games Around the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Howell Let's-a-Dice</li> <li>Philosophy: Tiddlers</li> <li>Team: Random Substitutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Differences and Similarities around the World</li> <li>Voting: Weather Country</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dance Step</li> <li>World Animal Olympics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity: Coping with Emotions: Story Movement</li> <li>Discussion: Coping with Emotions: Feeling All the Feels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fitness Fundamentals: Jump on Limes</li> <li>Blat! Lunge a Line</li> <li>Blat! Tangle It Up</li> <li>Blat! Squat Some More</li> </ul>



- **Online professional learning:** Ensure your staff has the knowledge and skills necessary to move the needle on the quality of your program.
- **Family communication app:** Showcase your program experience through photos, announcements, and direct messages.
- **Analytics & reporting:** Gain unparalleled insights into program metrics to uncover strategies for building a more effective learning community.
- **Explorers by Arly enrichment curriculum:** Discover a comprehensive and flexible enrichment curriculum focusing on life skills and building confident and competent young leaders.
- **Surveys & assessments:** Leverage Arly's academic assessments & program quality surveys to prove impact and learn what sets you apart from other programming choices.



**“ [A memorable part of the program was] having the lessons mapped out and ready daily. The workbooks were a very nice resource to have!**

-2023 summer staff member

# arly explorers

## ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM

Empower kids with essential life skills through engaging activities that positively shape program climate and culture. Expand the learning opportunities your program provides with this engaging curriculum, designed for PreK-6 and middle school students.



**Routines**



**Discussions**



**Life Skills**



**Connections**



**Fitness**



**Adventures**  
(elementary)



**Service-Learning**  
(middle school)



**Virtual Field Trips**  
(middle school)



**Leadership Activities**  
(middle school)



### FOCUS ON THE WHOLE CHILD

- ✓ Elementary curriculum focuses on understanding and practicing life skills through fun activities.
- ✓ Engaging activities blend academic and life skills, spanning art, games, creative writing, and more.
- ✓ Middle school curriculum emphasizes leadership to foster responsibility, compassion, and capability.

### ENSURE STAFF CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS

- ✓ Scripted activities make it easy for anyone to lead with little preparation, from any mobile device.
- ✓ Facilitation guides include scripting, modeling photos, and videos.
- ✓ Flexible implementation and pacing guides help plan daily structure.

Engaging activities tailored for elementary students offer a diverse range of experiences, like:

#### Water: Design & Build an Underwater Habitat



- Multi-day: 30-45 minutes per day
- Pairs, grades 1-6
- Connections: science, engineering, art
- Life skills: creative thinking, critical thinking, decision-making, problem-solving

#### Water: Sharks and Minnows



- Connections activity
- 20 minutes
- Group, grades 1-4
- Life skills: coping with stress, self-awareness, problem-solving

Middle schoolers participate in activities crafted to enhance life and leadership skills, such as:

#### Service Learning | Share a Skill



- 5-lesson service learning project
- Group
- Grades 6, 7, 8
- Life skills: communication skills, coping with stress, creative thinking, problem-solving
- Leadership skills: confidence, listening skills, mentoring

#### Virtual Field Trip | Protecting Our Planet: A Visit to the Great Barrier Reef



- 60 minutes
- Group
- Grades 6, 7, 8
- Life skills: empathy, communication, critical thinking, problem solving
- Leadership skills: teamwork, empathy, innovation, humility

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*Scholar Zone empowered our team to deliver a great summer learning experience to the scholars who needed it the most. The impact for our scholars, educators, and families was evident throughout the summer and the next school year.*

*—Dr. Leticia Bhatia, Director of Special Projects,  
Categorical & English Learner Program,  
South San Francisco Unified School District*

Looking for Year-round Impact?

Talk to us about providing a consistent experience year-round with Scholar Zone Extended Learning for afterschool programs.

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