SCHOOLS OUT!



AVOIDING THE SUMMER SLIDE

Core skills like reading, writing and math take practice. Just like playing a sport, you wouldn't stop for months at a time and expect to maintain your progress. Regardless, many kids close their books at the end of the school year and wait until August to open them back up. The "summer slide" is real and it affects students every year.









SLIPPING AWAY *

For a lot of students, the summer means falling behind in core subjects and, eventually, lower standardized test scores.

So what exactly can students lose over the course of a two-month summer vacation? (12)





2.6 MONTHS of math skills

Over time, summer learning loss can create a performance gap of 2 to 5 years by high school. (2)



And the summer slide overwhelmingly affects kids from lower income families more than others. By the end of fifth grade, students from lower-income families are often 2.5 years behind their peers. (4)



It also costs teachers and students time the following school year. 4 to 6 weeks: Average time it takes to re-teach students the lost material in the fall (3)





BEATING SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN

However, there is hope. Teachers can encourage parents and students to participate in multiple activities to avoid the dreaded summer slide. (5)









Take family photos and encourage scrapbooking.



Write letters to relatives and friends.



Listen to audio books on a road trip.



Percentage of kids who say they would be more likely to finish a book they picked out themselves (3)

Percentage of kids who say they enjoy reading books over the summer (3)





Get cooking. Let kids learn to measure and mix.

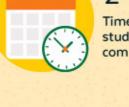


2 to 3 hours

combat summer learning loss (1)



Download math games on your tablet or smartphone.



Time per week of practice or studying it takes to fully





and times for road trips.

Encourage kids to calculate mileage



Visit local history and art museums.





stand to teach kids about managing money.

Create and run a lemonade



experiments online to do at home.

Find easy and fun science





about the animals.

Visit a zoo and encourage children to keep a journal



Plant and cultivate a garden. Teach kids about nutrition.







Sign kids up for a team sport of their choice.





Regular physical activity

during the summer can

actually lead to increased concentration and

Encourage walking or biking with friends.

swimming lessons.

Find local



Physical ed

Find a park with open trails and

playground equipment.



ADVANCEMENT

COURSES SOURCES

