Ideas for Preventing “Summer Slide”

PAC Night - 6 PM
Thursday, April 27th, 2017
York Media Center
Prevent the Summer Slide

★ Staggering Data

- \( \frac{2}{3} \) of the 9th grade achievement gap is due to elementary years loss
- Kids without access to learning opportunities in the summer lose up to one month of grade level equivalency
- Teachers spend 22% of the beginning of each school year re-teaching forgotten material
SCHOLASTIC SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017 - HAPPY CAMPER READING ADVENTURE

Visit scholastic.com/summer to register your child anytime after May 8, 2017.
More Reading Incentives

Reading Bucket List

TRAVELING through the PAGES
An Enchanted Journey

- In the park
- On the couch
- On the floor
- At the pool
- In the car
- On a porch
- At a bookstore
- At a sleepover
- In bed
- By a fountain
- Under a tree
- In an office
- With a flashlight
- In a tree or treehouse
- In a hotel
- In a restaurant
- In a beanbag chair
- While eating ice cream
- To your mom
- To your dad
- While drinking lemonade
- While on a trip
Summer Break Review

8-Week Program designed specifically for K-2 students

- Reinforces sight word recognition and numeration concepts through student choice
- Give parents ideas as to how they can continue to help their children
**Comprehension**

**It Says – I Say – And So...**

**Reading Strategies:** Making Inferences, Making Connections, and Synthesizing.

Helps students by guiding them through the process of drawing inferences from the written text. Also, it provides an opportunity to synthesize the information with their prior knowledge.

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<td><strong>Step 1...</strong> Write the question (created or provided)</td>
<td><strong>Step 2...</strong> Find information from the text that will help answer the question.</td>
<td><strong>Step 3...</strong> Think about what you know about that information.</td>
<td><strong>Step 4...</strong> Combine what the text says with what you know to come up with the answer.</td>
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<td>Example: Why did Goldilocks break Baby Bear’s chair.</td>
<td>It says she sits in the baby chair but she is not a baby. She is a young girl.</td>
<td>Baby chairs aren’t very big. They’re for babies, but she is bigger, so she weighs more.</td>
<td>So she is too heavy for it and it breaks.</td>
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Everyday brings a new idea

- Modifications can be made based on grade levels
10 Free Learning Websites for Kids

★ Safe websites for your child to visit and explore on HOT summer days!

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<td>Switcheroo Zoo</td>
<td>Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals!</td>
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<td>Nat Geo for Kids</td>
<td>Learn all about geography and fascinating animals!</td>
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<td>Into the Book</td>
<td>Go &quot;into the book&quot; to play games that practice reading strategies</td>
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<td>Seussville</td>
<td>Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends</td>
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<td>ABC YA</td>
<td>Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games!</td>
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For more educational ideas, visit ayearofmanyfirsts.blogspot.com
### 30 Day LEGO Challenge

Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!

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<td>You were hired to build a new home and they want you to build it.</td>
<td>NASA needs you to build a new rocket.</td>
<td>Your parents want you to build a new home and they want you to build it.</td>
<td>Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.</td>
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<td>Day 5</td>
<td>Day 6</td>
<td>Day 7</td>
<td>Day 8</td>
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<td>Mr. Nolan hires you to build a new school in Laurel, Mississippi.</td>
<td>You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new place to live.</td>
<td>You and 4 friends are stranded on an island and need to build a beach house and sail to find a way home.</td>
<td>You are hired to build a new hospital.</td>
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<td>Day 9</td>
<td>Day 10</td>
<td>Day 11</td>
<td>Day 12</td>
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<td>Captain Hook needs a new ship and wants you to build it.</td>
<td>You and your friends decide to build a new house.</td>
<td>Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him &amp; Cinderella.</td>
<td>On your first day, you are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington.</td>
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<td>Day 13</td>
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<td>You are hired to build a brand new hospital.</td>
<td>There is a circus town and you need to build a place for the performers.</td>
<td>There is a town that needs a new bridge so you make it.</td>
<td>You are hired to build a large new building.</td>
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<td>Day 17</td>
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<td>Day 20</td>
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<td>You are hired to repair a fence.</td>
<td>The town needs a new library and you make it.</td>
<td>Help your fellow wizard build a wagon so it's easier to travel.</td>
<td>You are hired to build a new home.</td>
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<td>Day 21</td>
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<td>You are hired to build a new hotel.</td>
<td>The farmer needs a new tractor and you make one.</td>
<td>The town needs a new train station and you build one.</td>
<td>You are hired to build a snowmobile.</td>
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<td>Day 25</td>
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<td>Day 28</td>
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<td>You are hired to build a new house as well as your bird.</td>
<td>The local bank needs a new office and you build it.</td>
<td>The aliens have landed. They are impressed by your building.</td>
<td>You are hired to build a snowmobile.</td>
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<td>Day 29</td>
<td>Day 30</td>
<td>What was your favorite day?</td>
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<td>You are hired to build a new house and you need to build a snowman.</td>
<td>There is a blizzard. You will need to build a snowman.</td>
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**Great ways to encourage STEM learning during the summer months**
Travel Journal

- Use this resource to record family fun throughout the summer months
  - GREAT way to incorporate social studies skills within your son/daughter’s writing!
Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide

Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide—or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

1. Visit your local library! Help your child find “right fit” books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.

2. Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That’s huge! If reading isn’t one of your child’s top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.

3. Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.

4. Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.

5. Read with your child—explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.

6. Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are two ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.

7. Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the “8 Super Summer Sight Activities” on the Make, Take & Teach blog.

8. If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.

For more teaching ideas and activities be sure to visit our blog! www.blog.makeetaketeach.com
Questions, Comments, Concerns?
Grab free reading material before you leave!