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Reading Rockets: Summer
Reading Loss

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-reading-loss>

Kids & Family Reading
Report: The Summer
Reading Imperative

<https://www.scholastic.com/readingreport/summer.html>

Stop the Summer Slide!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cqf-eKM5MOg>



The Summer Slide



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Summer Slide: What Is It?

Summer Slide refers to a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn't in session.

In a single academic year, this decline can result in an estimated 3-month achievement gap between more advantaged and less advantaged students.

Video:

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Summer Slide Statistics

- Between grades 1 and 6, about 1.5 years' worth of reading development is lost in the summer months alone
- If they lose ground every summer, by 6th grade there is a gap that they most likely will never be able to close



- 7% of kids ages 9-11 read 0 books in 2016 over the summer
- 14% of kids ages 9-11 read 0 books in 2018 over the summer
- Kids ages 6-8 read about 19 books over the summer
- Kids ages 9-11 read about 9 books over the summer
- Frequent readers (ages 6-17) read about 21 books over the summer
- Infrequent readers (ages 6-17) read about 2 books over the summer

How To Help Slow It Down



- Read for at least 20 minutes daily
- Read different kinds of reading materials (picture books, chapter books, cereal boxes, etc)
- Utilize your local library and their summer programs
- Listen to audio books
- Read aloud to someone or have someone read aloud to you daily
- Review reading skills with fun review activities
- Engage in meaningful conversation to help build your child's vocabulary
- **Try family DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)**