

# Jump Into Summer

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# Summer Slide

## Avoiding Achievement Drop Off

### What is it? | Definition

Summer learning loss, or summer slide, is the loss of knowledge or skills or a reversal in academic progress that results from the long summer break.

### Experts say... | Research

According to a recent report by RAND, the average summer learning loss in math and reading for American students is about one month per year (Smink, 2013). Research dating back over 100 years confirms this phenomenon (White, 1906). What's worse—the loss is cumulative, so it adds up summer after summer.

In a huge study utilizing 39 research reports, the key findings were:

- At best, students simply showed little or no growth in academics over the summer. At worst, they lost 1-3 months of learning.
- Summer learning loss is greater in math and spelling than reading.

### Next year... | Future Loss

What does this mean for you and your kids?

It means extra work in the fall to get back on track. It also means planning time to review and remediate when the school year begins rather than just moving forward. The cumulative effect of learning loss means lower test scores in the spring because of this time used to remediate rather than advance. (<http://edglossary.org/learning-loss/>)

*“Just like hockey players lose some of their skills if they stay off their skates and off the ice for three months, children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development.” Richard Allington*

*“We cannot afford to spend nearly 10 months of every year devoting enormous amounts of intellect, energy and money to promoting student learning and achievement, and then walk away from that investment every summer.” Jeff Smink*

*Transcending the punitive and remedial model of summer schools past, summer learning's new form is an artful blend of core academic learning, hands-on activities, skill-building, arts, sports, and meaningful relationships.” Brenda McLaughlin and Jeff Smink*

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-17*



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# Prevention

## Traditionals with a Twist

### Goal

Slow down. Notice their growth. Celebrate what they CAN do and *tell them*. The two greatest enemies of the soul are hurry and noise. The two greatest enemies of courage are doubt and fear.

### Reading | Pleasurable

Read to them. Read TO them. Read to THEM. Did we mention “Read to them?” Read all day. (Well, okay... at least 20 minutes a day.) Summer is for cultivating a LOVE of reading.

- Model everyday reading out loud
- Provide quality reading in many places
- Create cozy spaces... summer is for forts!
- Do fun book projects and talk about books

### Writing | Purposeful

- Lists: grocery, to-do's, schedule, what-to-pack, what-to-bring, recipes, project plans
- Correspondence: postcards, snail-mail letters, emails, texts, party plans / invitations
- For fun: comic books, joke books, scripts for commercials or plays, start a blog
- Typing skills and PowerPoint, Prezi or other presentation techniques
- Journal: travel thoughts, summer prompts, silly questions, Mommy & Me, goals

### Math | Playful & Productive

- Free play with manipulatives
- Sort: laundry, dressers, hardware, Legos, Tupperware, pantry
- Master time on an analog watch
- Games: indoor, outdoor, in the pool, and redeeming car time
- Manipulate information/data on a spreadsheet or by creating an Infograph
- Create surveys and display results on a graph.
- Make a geometry terms picture book/glossary
- Give your child a budget and a list (back to school shopping)
- Play Yahtzee, Bank It, Monopoly, or card games
- Measure: woodwork, recipes, room re-design

*This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
**Psalm 118:24**



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# Summer Learning

## Applied and Authentic

### Goal

Brain activity! Make learning become a natural fiber of every day and have fun doing it. Think rich learning experiences rather than gained academics.

### Skills

Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Listening, Speaking, Home and School Success

- Cut and tear paper (old phone book), squirt gun everything, playdough
- Walk up the slide, balance the curb, cross midline
- Tie shoes, do lunch box, wait turn, line-up, write name, sit with focused attention
- Age appropriate chores, practice new cleaning schedule
- Listening: dictation practice boosts spelling skills
- Speaking: telephone and email etiquette, restaurant ordering
- Set goals, make plans, implement, evaluate
- Internet safety

### Out-of-the-box | From Road Trips to Lemonade Stands

#### Road Trips

- Activity packs and travel games
- Word/poetry boxes
- Books on CD
- Sing! It improves language and memory. Try learning a “round.”
- Memory work: Bible verses, math facts, sight words, spelling, vocab, flash cards
- Maps, logs, and journals
- Camera and “Remember This” notebook

### STEM

- Building center, project space, engineering challenges
- Inventor supply lab, mail order packages like Tinkercrate.com
- Scavenger hunts, map making and geo-caching
- Nature table and nature journal (learn to observe and record with accuracy)
- Easel and craft boxes (take advantage of teaching about art supplies)

### Exploring Entrepreneurial Endeavors

- Plan and budget
- Build, create, and make supplies rather than buying
- Marketing
- Customer service
- Profit: saving, spending, investing, giving

Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge. **Proverbs 23:12**



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# Pace

## Prayer, Priorities, and Planning

### Where's God? | Nourish IN

- In the Word - Commands, Affirmations, Information, Promises
- In the world - Practicing His Presence. Noticing God in the big and little things.

### Service | Pour OUT

- Help your neighbors
- Donate to your community
- Give generously and encourage others to do the same

### IMOs | Intentional Moments of Opportunity

- VBS and other church programs
- Choosing camps
- Crafting / Revising your family mission statement

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' **Matthew 25:40**

### Making It Happen | Schedule, Structure, Rhythm, Routine

#### Lesson Planning

- Setting goals
- Implementing goals: monthly, weekly, daily

#### Quick and Simple Discipline Tips

- Stay consistent
- Reward good behavior

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **Ephesians 6:1***



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# RESOURCES AND RESEARCH FOR JUMPING INTO SUMMER

## Reading Rewards: (Make sure to check out your library!)

8 book challenge [http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/\\_/N-rs9](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9)  
Summer challenge <http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2017/>

## Choosing Books:

The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) Program is a statewide reading motivational program sponsored by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) and Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME) whose purpose is to encourage students to read independently for pleasure and to read books that are on, above, and below their reading level in order to improve their reading fluency. Sunshine State books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation. The SSYRA committee is comprised of 20 qualified school librarians located throughout the state of Florida, subdivided into two committees- grades 3-5 and grades 6-8. <http://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra.html>

## Articles/Research:

“5 Ways to Prevent Summer Slide in Upper Elementary”

<http://teachingtoinspire.com/2016/05/prevent-summer-slide-upper-elementary.html>

“6 Ways to Avoid Summer Slide While Keeping Math Fun”

<http://blog.tenmarks.com/2016/05/6-ways-to-avoid-summer-slide-while-keeping-math-fun.html>

“6 Ways to Use Reading to Prevent the Summer Slide”

<http://neatoday.org/2015/05/19/6-ways-to-use-reading-to-prevent-the-summer-slide/>

“10 Ways To Prevent Summer Slide”

<https://littlescholarsllc.wordpress.com/10-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide/>

“How to Make Summer Reading Effective”

<http://summerlearning.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/HowToMakeSummerReadingEffective.pdf>

“This Is Your Brain on Summer”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/28/opinion/28smink.html>

“Why Summer Learning Deserves a Front-Row Seat in the Education Reform Arena”

<http://education.jhu.edu>





# Circle of Ideas | Pinterest Boards

<b>Summer Reading</b>	<b>Responding to Reading</b>
<p>letter formation practice sight word printables from SchoolSparks.com sight word games: word hunt, hopskotch</p> <p>books about the beach reading log printables creative book reports reading challenges</p> <p>benefits of reading aloud research about 20 minutes a day</p>	<p>talking about books - questions to ask before / during / after reading questions fiction / non-fiction questions discussion and sharing ideas holding readers accountable</p>
<b>Summer Writing</b>	<b>Summer Math</b>
<p>comic book templates writing prompts creative writing activities journal examples journal printables</p>	<p>how to use an abacus everyday life counting practice outdoor / gross motor activities indoor games</p> <p>Additional Boards: search Tracey Wozniak Math ~ Graphing Math ~ Money Math ~ Numbers Math ~ Patterns Math ~ Time &amp; Calendar Dice &amp; Dominoes</p>
<b>Summer Learning</b>	<b>Road Trips &amp; Travel Tips</b>
<p>200 FREE summer activity ideas 160 FUN things to do this summer gross motor / fitness games pool games making forts squirt gun art scavenger hunt lists geo-caching info TinkerCrate.com link STEM challenges inventor lab setting goals scheduling ideas and printables</p>	<p>Amazing things to do and see in every State Healthy Travel Food</p> <p>traveling word box word slider - spelling in the car</p> <p>books that rhyme so you can sing printable games</p> <p>travel journal ideas</p>

