

Parenting Tip of the Month

May



Lower Elementary Teachers

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 fun 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 Word 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.





MATH IN THE SUMMER! MATH IS EVERYWHERE!

Math might not be as experimental as art, as fun as gym or as mind-blowing as science... but it's still pretty awesome! Students need to stop thinking of math as something that they will only use in the classroom: math is used in everyday life from cooking to fitness, home decor, landscaping, nursing, driving, etc.

Without math, how would teens learn to manage their money in order to purchase new phone Apps, go for dinner with their friends, or attend the summer's best music festival?! Math literacy is essential and there are endless practical ways that kids can apply math to everyday life: the trick is getting them to realize and appreciate that!

MATH IN THE SUMMER

While summer learning loss has been shown to affect all areas, math skills are the hardest hit. This might not come as a surprise because math is a tough subject for students and parents alike. Did you know that:

- 40% of parents feel their child has difficulty with math, or at best, are just getting by
- One-in-three parents are unable to help their teen with high school math
- Students can lose up to **2.6 grade levels in math** over the summer

But, there are plenty of ways for children to keep their math skills active and avoid the summer brain drain. Studies have found that:

- Students can **increase their math retention** by 2/3 simply by doing 10 minutes of math per day in the summer
- Adding **10 minutes of math homework** per day can lead to students' lost progress in math dropping by 1/3
- Regular physical activity can lead to increased concentration and **improved mathematics** and test scores

TRY THESE 10 TIPS TO BOOST MATH KNOW-HOW THIS SUMMER!

~ WITH IDEAS FROM PBS AND GREATSCHOOLS.ORG

1. **Dive into equations:** When plunging into a pool, have your child calculate the volume and weight of the water and the rate at which the pool will fill or drain.
2. **Be a meteorologist:** Track summer weather and convert daily temperatures from Celsius to Fahrenheit and monitor monthly rainfall.
3. **Show the relevance:** Invite your child to help you prepare poolside treats. Encourage them to use measuring cups and proportion snacks into different size bowls.
4. **Connect Math & Language:** If your child excels at language, then use that subject as a platform to help them excel in math. Give them picture books and nonfiction texts to read that focus on math.
5. **Turn errands into learning opportunities:** While at the grocery store, have your child figure out which box of crackers is closest to the \$2.50 price point and count the kiwis as they put them in the bag.
6. **Add some education to your road trips:** Distract your child from asking "Are we there yet?!" by creating paper tickets that identify all the rest stops along the way, so they can practice time and distance on the ride there.
7. **Make your beach day mathematical:** Have your child arrange their seashells into piles of 3 or 5, and use those piles as the basis for multiplication and subtraction activities.
8. **Note Numbers:** Have your child pay close attention to numbers found on clocks, cereal boxes, the kitchen calendar and the local newspaper. Have tell you how many articles are on page B4 of the paper and calculate how long they've been awake for.
9. **Pay close attention to menus:** Whether you go out for dinner or order in, there's bound to be a menu involved. Have your child pinpoint the price specific item, or list items that range between \$10 and \$15, or calculate how much a hamburger and a juice would cost.
10. **Change it up:** Give your child a pile of coins-the bigger the assortment, the better! Have them find as many coin combinations as possible that equal the price of a beach ball.

Material of the Month

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Escape to NEVERLAND

Douglas County Libraries 

2018

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES

June 2
THROUGH
July 31

READ FOR
YOUR SCHOOL!

The school signing
up the most students
will win a \$250 prize!

Preregister beginning May 1 • Program kicks off Saturday, June 2

Visit a staff member or DCL.org/summer-reading for registration,
program details, plus dates and times of fun events at a library near you!

Text NEVERLAND to 51555 to start your adventure!



WHAT WILL YOU BE?
SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTER FOR CAMP DCL SUMMER.
DCL.ORG/CAMP-DCL



SUMMER
BIRTHDAY?

HAVE YOUR PARTY AT DCL!
DCL.ORG/BIRTHDAY-PARTIES

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AGES 0–2 (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *101 Dinosaurs: And Other Prehistoric Reptiles*,
April Jones Prince & Bob Kolar (Illustrator)
- *Big Choo*,
Stephen Shaskan (Author & Illustrator)
- *Foods with Moods: A First Book of Feelings*,
Saxton Freymann & Joost Elffers (Illustrator)
- *Giraffes Can't Dance*,
Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees (Illustrator)
- *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site*,
Sherri Duskey Rinker & Tom Lichtenheld (Illustrator)
- *Harold and the Purple Crayon*,
Crockett Johnson (Author & Illustrator)
- *How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Read?*,
Jane Yolen & Mark Teague (Illustrator) 
- *How to Find a Fox*,
Nilah Magruder (Author & Illustrator)
- *I Am A Baby*,
Kathryn Madeline Allen & Rebecca Gizicki (Illustrator)
- *Little Bitty Friends*,
Elizabeth McPike & Patrice Barton (Illustrator)
- *Little Blue Truck's Springtime*,
Alice Schertle & Jill McElmurry (Illustrator)
- *Motor Goose: Rhymes That Go*,
Rebecca Colby & Jef Kaminsky (Illustrator)
- *My Heart Fills with Happiness*,
Monique Gray Smith & Julie Flett (Illustrator)
- *My Rainbow Surprise*,
Amy E. Sklansky & Anna Dunn (Illustrator)
- *No, David!*,
David Shannon (Author & Illustrator)
- Scholastic Early Learners: *My First Book of Shapes*
- Scholastic Early Learners: *Peek-A-Who? Do You Purr Too?*
- Scholastic Early Learners: *Touch, Slide, and Lift Busy Farm*
- *Penguins Love Their ABC's*,
Sarah Aspinall (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Rabbit Moon*,
Jean Kim (Author & Illustrator)
- *Show Me Happy*,
Kathryn Madeline Allen & Eric Futran (Illustrator)
- *Sign Language, My First 100 Words*,
Scholastic & Michiyo Nelson (Illustrator)
- *Sometimes I Feel...Sunny: A Funny, Sunny Book Full of Feelings*,
Gillian Shields & Georgie Birkett (Illustrator)
- *Thank You, Mr. Panda*,
Steve Antony (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Vegetables in Underwear*,
Jared Chapman (Author & Illustrator)

AGES 3–5 (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*,
Dan Santat (Author & Illustrator)
- *Be Brave, Little Penguin*,
Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees (Illustrator)
- *Clifford the Big Red Dog*,
Norman Bridwell (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Dear Girl*,
Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Paris Rosenthal;
Holly Hatam (Illustrator)
- *Dragons Love Tacos 2: The Sequel*,
Adam Rubin & Daniel Salmieri (Illustrator) 
- *Ducks Away!*,
Mem Fox & Judy Horacek (Illustrator)
- *Groovy Joe: Dance Party Countdown*,
Eric Litwin & Tom Lichtenheld (Illustrator) 
- *How to Find a Fox*,
Nilah Magruder (Author & Illustrator)
- *I Can Be Anything! Don't Tell Me I Can't*,
Diane Dillon (Author & Illustrator)
- *I Don't Want to Be a Frog*,
Dev Petty & Mike Boldt (Illustrator)
- *Love*,
Matt de La Peña & Loren Long (Illustrator)
- *Mama Lion Wins the Race*,
Jon J. Muth (Author & Illustrator)
- *Not Quite Narwhal*,
Jessie Sima (Author & Illustrator)
- *Otter Goes to School*,
Sam Garton (Author & Illustrator)
- *Pass the Ball, Mo!*,
David A. Adler & Sam Ricks (Illustrator)
- *Pig the Winner*,
Aaron Blabey (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Princess Truly in I Am Truly*,
Kelly Greenawalt & Amariah Rauscher (Illustrator)
- *Robinson*,
Peter Sis (Author & Illustrator)
- StoryPlay™: *Is Your Mama a Llama?*,
Deborah Guarino & Steven Kellogg (Illustrator)
- *The Magician's Hat*,
Malcolm Mitchell & Dennis Campay;
Joanne Lew-Vriethoff (Illustrator)
- *The Princess and the Warrior*,
Duncan Tonatiuh (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Tiny and the Big Dig*,
Sherri Duskey Rinker & Matt Myers (Illustrator)
- *Truck Full of Ducks*,
Ross Burach (Author & Illustrator)
- *Unplugged*,
Steve Antony (Author & Illustrator)
- *Why Am I Me?*,
Paige Britt; Selina Alko & Sean Qualls (Illustrators)

BOOK LIST KEY


Series 

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AGES 6–8 (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *Bad Kitty: Camp Daze*,
Nick Bruel (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Before She Was Harriet*,
Lesa Cline-Ransome & James Ransome (Illustrator)
- *Boxcar Children Great Adventures #3: The Detour of the Elephants*,
Gertrude Chandler Warner & Anthony VanArdsdale (Illustrator) 
- *Dog Man and Cat Kid*,
Dav Pilkey (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Dog on a Frog?*,
Kes Gray & Clare Gray; Jim Field (Illustrator)
- *Fly Guy's Big Family*,
Tedd Arnold (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Get a Hit, Mo!*,
David Adler & Sam Ricks (Illustrator)
- *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History*,
Vashti Harrison (Author & Illustrator)
- *Magic School Bus Rides Again: Sink or Swim*,
Judy Katschke & Artful Doodles Ltd. (Illustrator) 
- *Malala's Magic Pencil*,
Malala Yousafzai & Kerascoët (Illustrator)
- *Mr. Wolf's Class*,
Aron Nels Steinke (Author & Illustrator)
- *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea*,
Ben Clanton (Author & Illustrator)
- *Owl Diaries #8: Eva and the Lost Pony*, 
Rebecca Elliott (Author & Illustrator)
- *Press Start!: Super Rabbit Boy vs. Super Rabbit Boss!*, 
Thomas Flintham (Author & Illustrator)
- *Purrmaids: The Scaredy Cat*,
Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen & Vivien Wu (Illustrator) 
- *The Bad Guys in Alien vs. Bad Guys*, 
Aaron Blabey (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Gruffalo*,
Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler (Illustrator)
- *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*,
Drew Daywalt & Adam Rex (Illustrator)
- *The Princess in Black and the Mysterious Playdate*, 
Shannon Hale & Dean Hale & LeUyen Pham (Illustrator)
- *The Word Collector*,
Peter H. Reynolds (Author & Illustrator)
- *Toy Academy: Some Assembly Required*,
Brian Lynch & Edwardian Taylor (Illustrator)
- *What if You Had Animal Eyes?*,
Sandra Markle & Howard McWilliam (Illustrator)
- *Whatever After: Two Peas in a Pod*, 
Sarah Mlynowski
- *Who Would Win?: Ultimate Jungle Rumble*,
Jerry Pallotta & Rob Bolster (Illustrator)

AGES 9–11 (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *A Wrinkle in Time*,
Madeleine L'Engle
- *American Girl Luciana: Braving the Deep*, 
Erin Teagen & Lucy Truman (Illustrator)
- *Aru Shah and the End of Time*,
Roshani Chokshi
- *Bears of Ice: The Quest of the Cubs*, 
Kathryn Lasky
- *Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot*, 
Dav Pilkey (Author & Illustrator)
- *Detention of Doom (DC Comics: Secret Hero Society #3)*, 
Derek Fridolfs & Dustin Nguyen (Illustrator)
- *Dragon Rider: The Griffin's Feather*,
Cornelia Funke & Laura Ellen Anderson (Illustrator)
- *I Survived the Children's Blizzard, 1888*, 
Lauren Tarshis
- *Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!*,
Marley Dias
- *Martin Rising: Requiem for a King*,
Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brian Pinkney (Illustrator)
- *Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring*,
Angela Cervantes
- *Out of the Wild Night*,
Blue Balliett
- *Real Friends*,
Shannon Hale & LeUyen Pham (Illustrator)
- *Save Me a Seat*,
Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan (Authors)
- *Shadow House: No Way Out (Book 3)*, 
Dan Poblocki
- *Swing It, Sunny*,
Jennifer L. Holm (Author) & Matthew Holm (Illustrator)
- *The Apprentice Witch*,
James Nicol (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Journey of Little Charlie*,
Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Parker Inheritance*,
Varian Johnson
- *The Secret of Nightingale Wood*,
Lucy Strange
- *The Serpent's Secret (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond)*,
Sayantani DasGupta (Author & Illustrator)
- *The Witch Boy*,
Molly Knox Ostertag
- *What Would She Do?: 25 True Stories of Trailblazing Rebel Women*,
Kay Woodward (Author & Illustrators)
- *Whatshisface*,
Gordon Korman
- *The Dragonet Prophecy (Wings of Fire, The Graphic Novel #1)*, 
Tui T. Sutherland & Mike Holmes (Illustrator)

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AGES 12–14 (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *Amina's Voice*, Hena Khan
- *Awkward #2: Brave*, Svetlana Chmakova (Author & Illustrator) 
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson
- *Echo*, Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *Flying Lessons & Other Stories*, Ellen Oh
- *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Parts One and Two*, J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne & John Tiffany
- *Irena's Children: Young Readers Edition; A True Story of Courage*, Mary Cronk Farrell & Tilar J. Mazzeo
- *Live in Infamy*, Caroline Tung Richmond
- *Magisterium: The Bronze Key*, Holly Black and Cassandra Clare 
- *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer*, Rick Riordan 
- *Marvel's Black Panther: The Junior Novel*, Jim McCann
- *Miles Morales: Spider-Man*, Jason Reynolds & Kadir Nelson (Illustrator)
- *Not If I Save You First*, Ally Carter
- *One True Way*, Shannon Hitchcock
- *Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference*, Warren St. John
- *Piecing Me Together*, Renee Watson
- *Rebound*, Kwame Alexander
- *Refugee*, Alan Gratz
- *Restart*, Gordon Korman
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, Kelly Barnhill
- *The War Below*, Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
- *This Is Just a Test*, Wendy Wan-Long Shang & Madelyn Rosenberg
- *Turn It Up!*, Jen Calonita
- *Ugly: A Beautiful True Story About One Very Ugly Kid*, Robert Hoge
- *War Horse*, Michael Morpugo

YOUNG ADULT (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *A Thousand Beginnings and Endings*, Ellen Oh & Elsie Chapman
- *All American Boys*, Jason Reynolds & Brandon Kiely
- *All the Crooked Saints*, Maggie Stiefvater
- *Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin*, James L. Swanson
- *Disappeared*, Francisco X. Stork
- *Don't Cosplay with My Heart*, Cecil Castellucci
- *Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*, Mackenzi Lee
- *Girl in a Bad Place*, Kaitlin Ward
- *Give Me Some Truth*, Eric Gansworth
- *Kill the Boy Band*, Goldy Moldavsky
- *Listen to Your Heart*, Kasie West
- *R.I.P. Eliza Hart*, Alyssa Sheinmel
- *Rad American Women A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries who Shaped Our History... and Our Future!*, Kate Schatz & Miriam Klein Stahl (Illustrator)
- *Same But Different, Teen Life on the Autism Express*, Holly Robinson Peete, Ryan Elizabeth Peete, & RJ Peete
- *The Astonishing Color of After*, Emily X.R. Pan
- *The Bone Witch*, Rin Chupeco
- *The Fandom*, Anna Day
- *The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas
- *The Kidney Hypothetical Or How to Ruin Your Life in Seven Days*, Lisa Yee
- *The Traitor's Game*, Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *They Both Die at the End*, Adam Silvera
- *Turtles All the Way Down*, John Green
- *When Dimple Met Rishi*, Sandhya Menon
- *Worthy*, Donna Cooner

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Middle Grade:

<https://bookriot.com/2016/06/10/the-essential-middle-grade-summer-reading-list/>

Advanced Readers: These books are recommendations for students who are still young, but can read at a higher level, but may not want the older student content.

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/reading-beyond/>

If you want to get a book for your child this summer to practice with, please click the link below. You can also check amazon.com and your local Sam's Club for a discounted price.

K-Gr.1

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/language/multiskill-language-products/summer-bridge-activities-k-gr1/p/SCD704696>

Gr.1-2

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/language/multiskill-language-products/summer-bridge-activities-gr12/p/SCD704697>

Gr. 2-3

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/language/multiskill-language-products/summer-bridge-activities-gr23/p/SCD704698>

Gr. 3-4

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/language/multiskill-language-products/summer-bridge-activities-gr34/p/SCD704699>

Gr. 4-5

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/language/multiskill-language-products/summer-bridge-activities-gr45/p/SCD704700>