

Summer Learning Slide Impacts



It's estimated that the "summer slide" accounts for as much as

85% 

of the reading achievement gap between lower-income students and their middle- and upper-income peers.¹

Two-thirds of the achievement gap



between lower- and higher-income youth can be explained by **unequal access to summer learning opportunities**.³



Teachers typically spend between **4 to 6 weeks**

re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer.²

Learning or reading skill losses during the summer months are cumulative...By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer reading loss has **accumulated to a two-year lag in reading achievement**.⁴

Solutions to Combat the Summer Learning Loss



Regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic level, or previous achievement, children who read

four or more books

over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer.⁷

Parental involvement

in children's early literacy activities, as well as **having books in the home, has a positive impact on children's reading achievement** later on in school.⁵



Longitudinal studies conclude that the effects of a **summer learning program can endure for at least**

two years

after the student's participation.⁶

Self-selected reading is twice

as powerful as teacher-selected reading in developing motivation and comprehension.⁸



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