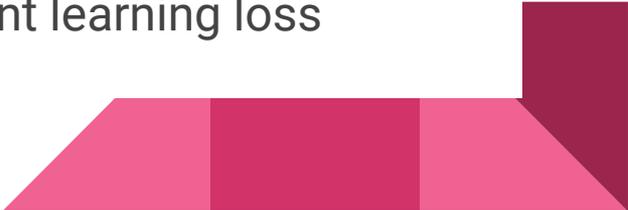


# Scoop on Summer Learning and What to Expect Next Year

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# Summer Learning Loss Statistics

According to Oxford Learning:

1. **2.6 months** of math skills are lost over the summer
  2. **2 months** of reading skills are lost over the summer
  3. **6 weeks** in the fall are spent re-learning old material to make up for summer loss
  4. Summer learning loss can be recognized as early as First Grade
  5. By the end of Grade 6, students who have experienced Summer Learning Loss over the years are an average of **2 years** behind their peers
  6. **2-3 hours per week** during summer is needed to prevent learning loss
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# WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Nagy and Herman, 1987.)

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**

# Importance of Continuing Learning Over Summer



# The Third Grade Reading Guarantee

- A statewide program used to identify students from kindergarten through grade 3 that are behind in READING
  - Schools will test all students at the beginning of each year in reading (letters/sounds in grades K and 1)
  - Any student not on or close to the expected level of reading for that grade level will:
    - ◆ Be placed on a reading intervention plan that will be sent to you as well
    - ◆ Receive extra help in reading by both their classroom teacher and other school personnel
    - ◆ Will be assessed throughout the year to determine the progress being made
  - Students not on track by the end of 3rd grade will be retained in 3rd grade the following school year
  - Students that were previously retained or on an Individualized Education Plan maybe exempt from The Third Grade Guarantee
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# So What Can We Do???



# 5 Tips for Avoiding Summer Slide

1. **Keep them reading-** Scholastic Books cites research that shows reading just six books over the summer months can go far in keeping students on track when they return to the classroom. One way to ensure your kids keep reading all summer long is to schedule regular trips to the library
2. **Hang onto math facts-**The [Texas Instruments website](#) cites research from the National Association for Summer Learning, which shows that students lose approximately two months of math skills in the summer if they don't participate in some sort of educational activities over their break.
3. **Research places you will visit-** From discovering silly laws to exploring the geography and culture of the area, this activity encourages students to read and learn while getting them excited about upcoming trips.



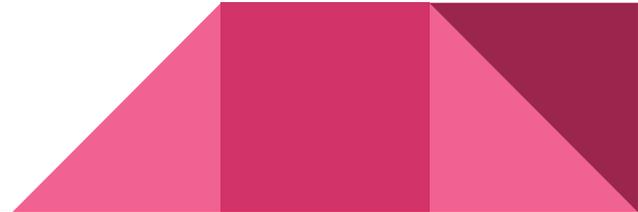
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4. **Set aside time to work on academic skills each day-** Give your family one-half hour every day to read, work math problems or indulge in fun activities like brain teasers or crossword puzzles. If the whole family gets involved, the children may not mind the thinking part of the activity quite as much.
5. **Collect books or games for children to enjoy in the car-** Instead of playing on electronic devices, entice kids on road trips with Mad-Libs, comic books and games specifically designed for the road.



# Some Simple Solutions

1. **Take your child to a live performance** - Family friendly events are a great way to teach your child about the performing arts.
2. **Read books about warm weather fun** -These stories focus on playing outdoors, visiting relatives, and cooling off in the water. Read a story then try one of the suggested activities with your child!
3. **Turn any walk into a nature walk** - Use time outdoors with young children to help them learn about the natural world. Explore your neighborhood, observe the weather, examine plants, flowers, and more!



# Some Simple Solutions

4. **Visit museums and libraries in your town** - Find low-cost or no-cost local attractions to visit with young children (zoos, botanical gardens, libraries, and aquariums - to name a few) to assist in their summer learning adventures.
5. **Create mini-learning centers at home** - Fill boxes with materials and props related to a topic to give children a hands-on way to learn!



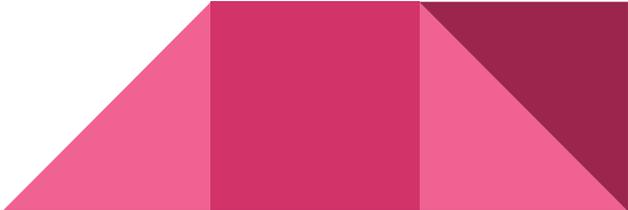
# Free Resources for Information

<http://www.parenttoolkit.com/> - a resource for parents to find articles and videos about grade-level specific academics, social and emotional needs, health and fitness and college and career readiness

<https://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success> - a month-by-month guide filled with advice, tools, and online resources to help you and your child have a successful school year

<https://education.ohio.gov/Parents> - find information about grade-level specifics as well as resources and information about state testing

<http://freeresources.smarttutor.com/> - free educational resources such as online games, math lessons and reading lessons



# Free Resources for Your Child

<https://www.zearn.org/> - sign your child up for free and let them complete math lessons in a fun way. These lessons will scaffold to meet your child's needs

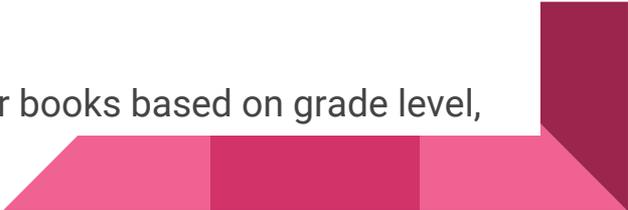
[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) - sign up for a free account and let your child play math games and you can receive weekly reports about your child's progress

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com) - educational games for your child to enjoy based on grade level

[www.ducksters.com](http://www.ducksters.com) - kid-friendly search engine to search history, science, geography and biographies

[www.khanacademy.com](http://www.khanacademy.com) - let your child learn new math concepts by watching step-by step videos and then getting to practice the skills

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) - practice reading by listening to a read-aloud of popular books based on grade level, or play math games to practice grade level skills



# Advice from 1st graders...



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