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■ Preventing Summer Learning Loss: What Families Should Know

What Is the "Summer Slide"?

- Students can lose **20–30% of school-year learning** over the summer (NWEA).
- Math and reading are most impacted, especially for students who aren't regularly engaged in academic activities.

Why It Matters

- Students who read 4+ books over the summer are more likely to maintain or improve reading skills.
- Summer learning loss is cumulative—by 5th grade, it can result in a **2–3 year gap** compared to peers who stay academically engaged each summer.

Reading on Grade Level by 3rd Grade: A Crucial Benchmark

- Students reading proficiently by 3rd grade are **4x more likely** to graduate high school on time.
- Reading below grade level in 3rd grade triples the likelihood of dropping out later.

How You Can Help as a Parent

- **Daily Reading (20 minutes):** Let kids choose books they enjoy. Use the library or audiobooks if needed.
- **Use the Summer Workbook:** Just 15–20 minutes a few times a week helps review key concepts.
- **Talk About Learning:** Ask your child to explain what they read or worked on—it builds comprehension and confidence.

Free & Helpful Resources

- [Storyline Online](#): Celebrities read children's books aloud.
- [Khan Academy Kids](#): Free app with math and literacy activities.
- PBS Kids Reading Games: Fun, engaging games that build reading skills. Also, check our local library's summer reading program (check online for dates and incentives!).
- IXL: Your student has access to IXL over the summer.

Let's Work Together

Your child's summer learning success starts with a simple routine: **read, talk, review, repeat**. Let's make this summer count!