

Summer Learning Loss Erases Gains from the School Year

Low-income children lose **2+ months** of reading achievement every summer ¹

Summer learning loss explains **Two Thirds** of the achievement gap between low and middle-income children. ³

By 5th grade, low-income children without summer learning opportunities are already **2 years** behind their peers ²

But Summer Learning Programs Keep Students Growing!

Common Core

Students and staff practice

4+

Common Core skills⁴, through:

- ✓ Open-ended questions
- ✓ Project-based learning
- ✓ Student facilitation
- ✓ Presentations

Student Achievement

Students increase their skills by

1/3

of a grade level in reading and vocabulary, including English language learners.⁵

Student Engagement

84%

of students report improved ability and motivation in school work.⁵

Students show strong school day attendance and are 1/3 less likely to be chronically absent.⁵

School Climate

94%

of students believe they can get better at something by trying hard.⁵

83% of students say the program helps them like school.⁵

93% of teachers report better relationships with students.⁷

Six Signs of a Great Summer Learning Program

Broadens youth horizons

Exposes them to new adventures, skills and ideas.

(ex. a nature walk, new computer program, museum visit or live performance).

Helps youth build mastery

Improves doing something they enjoy and care about.

(ex. creating a neighborhood garden, writing a healthy snacks cookbook or operating a robot).

Fosters cooperative learning

Work with their friends on team projects and group activities.

(ex. a neighborhood clean-up, group presentation or canned food drive).

Includes a wide variety of fun and engaging activities

(ex. reading, writing, math, science, arts and public service projects)

Promotes healthy habits

Provides nutritious food, physical recreation and outdoor activities.

Lasts at least one month

Gives youth enough time to benefit from their summer learning experiences.

¹ Cooper, 2006

² Alexander, Entwistle 1992 & 1994

³ Alexander, 1992

⁴ Perry, Getting a Head Start on the Common Core, Partnership for Children & Youth, 2013

⁵ Newhouse, Summer Matters: How Summer Learning Strengthens Students' Success, Public Profit, 2012

⁷ NSLA/Walmart Study, Summer's Influence On Teaching and Learning All Year, Annual Report, 2012



Go to www.summermatters2you.net for more information on summer learning.