WAYS TO HEAD OFF THE Summer Slide

FILL KIDS’ SUMMER BREAK WITH READING!

It’s a fact: Kids who don’t read over the summer fall behind their peers when school starts up again, and the effects of this “Summer Slide” can last a lifetime.

- Kids can lose about **two months** of grade level equivalency in math and reading over the summer.
- Summer Slide hits **low-income** kids the hardest, resulting in a significant achievement gap.
- Over time, this loss can create a gap of **2 to 5 years** by the time kids reach high school.
- Teachers spend **4-6 weeks** of a new school year re-teaching older material.

TIPS to Prevent Summer Slide:

1. Keep them engaged and learning while they’re out of school. NovelList can help! You’ll find it on your library’s website, so you can access it anywhere.
2. Encourage kids to read at least 20 minutes every day. Need ideas? NovelList’s Recommended Reads lists provide suggestions based on genre and subjects.
3. Read to your kids! Find quality read-alouds by pasting this search string in NovelList: AW Y AND RS Y AND RV read-aloud
4. Transform car rides into reading time. NovelList has audiobooks to interest every kid, perfect for short or long car rides.
5. Visit your local library with your kids. Let them pick out books on their favorite topics and they’ll read more often!