

# Avoiding The Summer Slide Challenge

What is summer slide? Summer slide is the academic loss children experience during the extended summer break from school. Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress, and that loss has cumulative, long-term effects.



Incoming  
Kindergarten  
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## Reading

Children who read over the summer continue to advance in the skills developed during the school year. When children read "good fit" books for 20 minutes a day, he/she will gain 1,800,000 words by 6th grade. For the summer, students should read age-appropriate books to complete **15 hours of summer reading**. Remember, the more your child reads, the greater success he/she will experience.

- Attached is a log to record your reading selections ([reading log](#))
- A suggested reading list to help you choose appropriate texts for your child ([reading selections](#))
- A [guide](#) to help improve your child's fluency

## Writing

- Students should practice writing their first name using a capital letter followed by lower case letters using D'Nealian style print ([handwriting chart](#)). Please complete 2 pages.
- Students should practice writing letters A-Z twice (capital and lowercase) using D'Nealian style print ([handwriting chart](#))
- Students should practice writing numbers 0-20 ([handwriting chart](#)). Students should turn in 2 pages with 2 sets of numbers per page.

## Math

Take time this summer to explore how math is all around us. Engage your child in activities that involve counting objects, sorting various items by different attributes, identifying patterns and shapes, and using recipes in the kitchen.



All work should be turned in on August 8, 2017 to your child's teacher. It will count as 3 classwork assignments.

### Did you know?

Many children lose about 2.6 years of math computational skills over the summer months if they don't practice their skills.