



Dear Parent,

With the school year soon ending and summer break planning in full swing, have you thought about creating a summer reading plan for your child?

The summer slide - when children lose educational ground over the holidays - is a serious problem, but it's easy to stop the slide and help your children stay ahead.

This year, the BOOK IT! Program invites you to beat the summer slide by keeping your kid's mind engaged through reading activities. These activities will set up your child for a successful school year.

Visit [bookitprogram.com/summer](http://bookitprogram.com/summer) to begin downloading your reading resources!

### SUMMER SLIDE FACTS



Children lose at least two months, or 22% of instructional time, during the summer\*



Teachers spend at least one month re-teaching students to make up the gap\*



The good news: Reading just six books over the summer can prevent a decline in reading scores.\*\*

\*John Hopkins Center for Summer Learning, 2002.  
\*\*<http://www.ode.state.co.us/cdelib/summerslide>

Sincerely,

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(Teacher Signature)



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