

STOP THE SUMMER SLIDE!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your student has worked very hard this year! You can help prevent the summer slide by encouraging your student to read and practice their skills over the summer.

The summer slide is a decline in reading abilities and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn't in session. Studies show that students who do not read during the summer will slip in reading ability by the time school begins again. Help your child keep up on their literacy and math skills to prepare them for the next grade!

Here's to making this a summer of learning!

How to Prevent the Summer Slide

Literacy-

- **Visit your local library! Help your child pick out books they are interested in.**
- **Read 20-30 minutes a day. Grade-level chapter books are best, but any reading is better than no reading.**
- **Workbooks – Many review grammar, spelling patterns, and literary concepts such as main idea/details, summarizing, cause/effect, theme, character analysis, etc.**
- **Create a summer journal of all your activities**
- **Utah Online Library (onlinelibrary.uen.org) provides a great library of learning resources and texts**
- **Read Works (readworks.org)- Students can access various texts and coordinating question sets**
- **Summer Reading Challenge attached to third page**

Math-

- **Practice your math facts using flash cards and fact fluency games**
- **i-Ready- Keep filling in those gaps & progressing with individualized lessons**
- **99math- Students can access math games based on various curriculum skills**
- **Spend time cooking together. Working in the kitchen helps build math and literacy skills.**
- **Money – Have your child count, add, subtract, multiply and divide using money**
- **Tutoring – If your child struggled in math this year, consider private tutoring**
- **Khan Academy – Watch videos on specific math concepts**
- **Math book – Review the lessons in both volumes of the math books that were sent home.**

Typing-

- **Students should be able to type about 30 words per minute by 6th grade**
- **There are many free & paid online typing games**
- **Have the practice touch-typing and keeping their fingers on home row**



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Social studies-

- **Ancient Civilizations & World History is the focus in 6th grade**
- **Have students learn about different countries throughout the world**
- **Study world history and/or ancient civilizations**
- **World geography -- Have a world map displayed / available in your home**

Science-

- **Take your child to a science museum such as the Museum of Natural Curiosity**
- **Look up & perform science experiments at home**
- **Watch science shows such as Nova, The Discovery Channel, etc.**

We are very proud of all that these students have accomplished this year. We have loved working with them and watching them learn and grow. If you have any questions or concerns over the summer, don't hesitate to reach out!

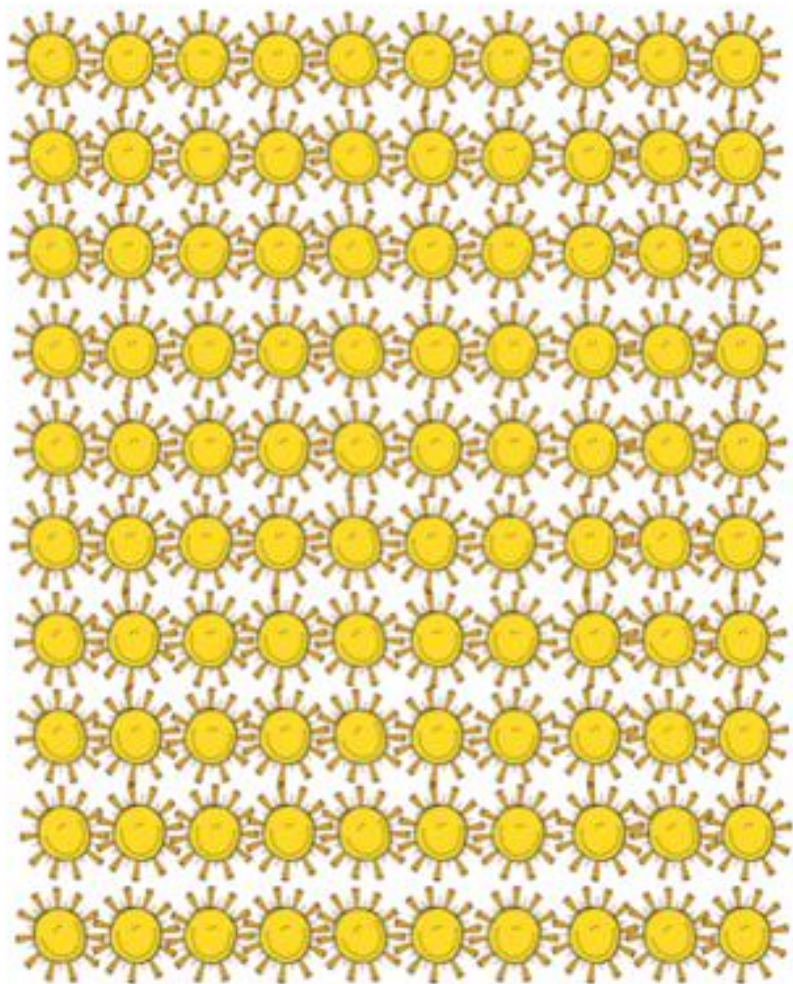
-Fifth Grade Teachers



Summer Reading Challenge

Goal: Read 1,500 minutes this summer!

Each sun represents 15 minutes. Every time you read for 15 minutes, check off one sun. When you check all of the suns, that means you have read for 1,500 minutes!



I read _____ minutes this summer!

My favorite book that I read:
