

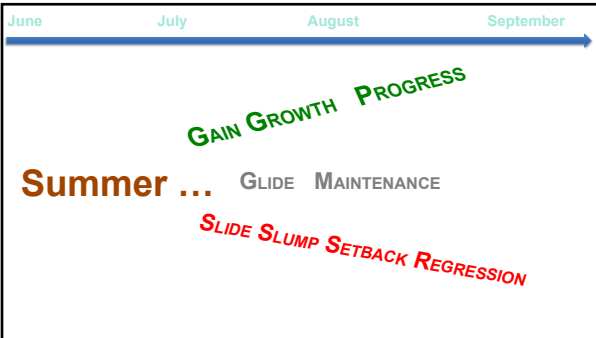
## Strategies to Support your Child's Summer Reading at Home

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## Summer Outcomes: Key Features

- Most students experience long summer breaks
- Summer slide is often assumed to occur
- Many communities offer summer reading activities and programs
- Research is limited



## Why do we have summer vacation?

- Common misconception:
  - Summer vacation originally was required so that children could support farming responsibilities in agricultural society.



## Why do we have summer vacation?

- Clarification (Gold, 2002):
  - Schooling held during the summer months was relatively common in the early to mid 1800s.
  - Summer vacation was implemented to make rural and urban school schedules

Rural/Farming communities in school: 5-6 months



Urban communities in school: 11-12 months

## What is summer slide?

- On average, students slow, stall or slide in academic skill development during the summer
- Estimates vary from 2 weeks to 3 months of learning loss (Cooper, Nye, Charlton, Lindsay, & Greathouse, 1996; von Hippel & Hamrock, 2019; von Hippel, Workman, Downey, 2018)
- Summer outcome estimates can depend on
  - Student factors (academic area, socioeconomic status, reading habits, grade) (Cooper, Nye, et al., 1996; Hill et al., 2007)
  - Measurement factors (test formats, item difficulty, scaling) (von Hippel, 2019)



## Summer: Adjusting "the faucet" of educational resources



(Entwistle et al., 2000)

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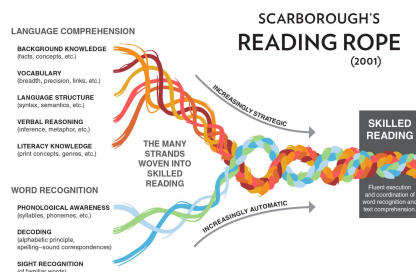
## Reading, spelling and writing can be tiring for children with dyslexia so here is what you can do...

### 1. Activities need to feel **MANAGEABLE**

- You want your child to feel a sense of accomplishment and success, and feel good energy.

### 2. The work needs to be given in **SMALL CHUNKS**

- You avoid burn-out + the regularity and daily practice of literacy skills is what is most important.



Source: <https://braintrustutors.com/what-is-the-reading-rope/>

## It's helpful to address multiple reading skills:

### Decoding (reading the words)

Phonological awareness  
Decodable books  
Games  
Online programs

### Language Comprehension (understanding the words)

Audiobooks  
Read alouds  
Trade books (not decodables)

## How much time should I be spending on literacy skills with my child?

Total Time per day for literacy skills

Age	Time (min)
5-7	10-30
8-10	20-45
11-13	40-60
14-15	60-90

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## Games!



[Chunks](#)



[Scrabble Slam](#)



[Kendore Learning Card Games](#)  
(beginner and advanced)



[Wordle](#)  
[Wordle Unlimited](#)

## Computer-Based Activities



[Simplex Spelling Apps](#)  
(iPhone or iPad App Store)



[Lexia Home Subscription](#)



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(reading, spelling, typing)



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## Here are some... READING STRATEGIES!

20-30 min/day

- **Choral reading** (you read together aloud)
- **Echo reading** (you read sentence and your child repeats it)
- **Read and then stop midway in a sentence**, child fills in word or finishes the sentence. Take turns doing this on each page.
- Ask **comprehension questions**: Factual: Ex. "Where does Little Red Riding Hood live?" Inferential: Ex. "Why do think the gingerbread man was so afraid?"

## Where do I find Books that are right for my Child?

- Use 5% rule to choose a book for your child, (if your child missed 5% or more of the words on page then the book is too hard). (5/100 words, 5% rule.)
- **Decodables: (can sound out the words)**
  - Library (in person or digital access)
  - <https://portal.flyleafpublishing.com/> (free)
  - <https://accounts.learninga-z.com/accountsweb/marketing/trial.do?campaign=rkCOVID19Trial> (pay)

- **Trade Books: (mix of phonetic and sight words)**
  - <https://bookwizard.scholastic.com/>  
What book is the right level for my kid? Scholastic Book Wizard
  - <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>
    - Provides free digital access to picture books, including a variety of fiction and informational text, for children to read. There is also an option for the text to be narrated.
  - <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/list/share/72464741/100345981> (high interest, low level reading) Good for middle schoolers! Hi-low books!
  - [Epic!](#) (\$7/month Unlimited books!)
- **Audio Books: "Take-Along" audiobooks (oral language development)**
  - [Learning Ally](#) (\$12/month)
  - [Book Share](#) (free)

## Quickies....

- **Phonemic Awareness:** Awareness of Sounds (can do in the car!)
  - Blending: Ex. /b/ /a/ /t/ = bat
  - Segmenting: Ex. dog = /d/ /o/ /g/
  - Elision: Say "bat", now say "bat" without the /b/ (= at)
  - Find me something that starts with (sound),
  - Rhyming: What rhymes with "sit"? (bit, mit, etc)

### Online:

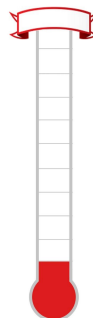
- <https://www.ateachableteacher.com/online-phonemic-awareness-games/>
- <https://www.education.com/games/phonological-awareness/>
- <https://www.education.com/games/phonological-awareness/> (phonics worksheets)

## Quickies (continued)

- **Sidewalk chalk activities**– jump to the letter that says \_\_\_\_; jump to the word that says \_\_\_\_ (sight words)
- **Vocabulary jar**– list of interesting words you come across over the summer (reading aloud to a child)
- **Decodable Poetry**
  - Partner Poems for Fluency Practice (Summer Theme) \$3
  - Partner poems for Building Fluency (Book)

## Tips for motivating your child to read

1. Set a goal (# of books or amount of time)
2. Make a plan
3. Keep track
4. Celebrate!



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Join us for a virtual research study at MGH Institute of Health Professions about children's summer reading development!

### WHO?

- Students completing grade 4, 5 or 6
- Any reading level (with or without Dyslexia)
- With or without ADHD

### WHAT?

- Students will complete reading and related assessments **during 2 sessions** about 8 weeks apart during the summer

Participants earn up to \$40 in gift cards!

Score reports will be available to parents/guardians

Please use this link to sign up: <https://redcap.link/MGHsummer>