

Summer Reading Loss Fact Sheet



Summer school is a complementary learning support for reading

- A [research paper](#) from the Harvard Family Research Project explains how complementary learning, such as summer school, can reinforce academic development and help narrow the achievement gap.
- Research has proven that summer school has a positive effect on reading skills.
- Access to structured programs is an important part of a quality summer school experience.
- Programs that include parental involvement produce larger effects.

Research shows the importance of summer book reading

- Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35 to 40 percent better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books.

An online assessment program like Total Reader can provide ideal support

Total Reader can be aligned to school strategies:

- Ability is assessed on the Lexile Scale, a scientifically valid measure used on high stakes tests.
- Progress is tracked using the Common Core stretch bands or two other metrics.
- Reports are easily shared with parents as well as next year's teacher and school administrators.

Students are engaged in three ways:

- They see their new Lexile measure after completing each short, self-paced reading passage.
- Missed vocabulary is flagged for review.
- A built-in tool helps them choose books about topics they are interested in, from a list of books in a customizable Lexile range (their current range or a range recommended by the teacher).



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