

Combat the Summer Slump

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Parents are faced with the question of what to do over the Summer to help their children academically prepare for the coming school year. There are a couple of things that you can do to help your child get through the Summer without falling into the Summer slump.

Prior to school year end parents can request text books from the school. If you request the math, science and reading text for the coming year, you will have the opportunity to work with your child each day on a given activity. Schedule an hour each day to work on a topic, alternating topics each day to keep the interest of the child. Spend the 1st 30 minutes going over the material with the child and the last 30 minutes completing an exercise from the end of the chapter.

Take the child to the library and introduce them to audiobooks. Getting them to read is not always an easy feat but the child may enjoy listening to books over reading them. The child is still benefitting from the exposure to the text of the book. This is a nice compromise as they do not realize they are learning, however, they are learning new vocabulary terms and building language skills as well.

Let your child choose some fun, online math learning games. If you go to your school's website, most schools have links to a number of educational sites that the children can safely visit and place games while learning. Smart math is my son's favorite online math site.

Children enjoy daydreaming and taking mental breaks of their choosing. Work with your child to put their ideas into a storyboard outline. For kids who do not enjoy writing, using an electronic device for writing is much more fun and less daunting. If you do not have a computer, your local library has computers for use free of charge.

Make learning fun!!