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## WAYS TO HEAD OFF THE Summer Slide

### FILL KIDS' SUMMER BREAK WITH READING!

It's a fact: Kids who don't read over the summer fall behind their peers when school starts up again, and the effects of this "Summer Slide" can last a lifetime.



Kids can lose about **two months** of grade level equivalency in math and reading over the summer.



Summer Slide hits **low-income** kids the hardest, resulting in a significant achievement gap.



Over time, this loss can create a gap of **2 to 5 years** by the time kids reach high school.



Teachers spend **4-6 weeks** of a new school year re-teaching older material.

### TIPS to Prevent Summer Slide:

- 1 Keep them engaged and learning while they're out of school. NoveList can help! You'll find it on your library's website, so you can access it anywhere.
- 2 Encourage kids to read at least 20 minutes every day. Need ideas? NoveList's Recommended Reads lists provide suggestions based on genre and subjects.
- 3 Read to your kids! Find quality read-alouds by pasting this search string in NoveList: AW Y AND RS Y AND RV read-aloud
- 4 Transform car rides into reading time. NoveList has audiobooks to interest every kid, perfect for short or long car rides.
- 5 Visit your local library with your kids. Let them pick out books on their favorite topics and they'll read more often!