

# Avoid Summer Slide

## Did you know?

Children who do not read over the summer months will lose MORE than two months of reading achievement. "Summer Slide" is a term used to describe the learning loss many school-age children experience over the summer months due to lack of educational exposure and practice. To avoid "Summer Slide" you can make a few simple things a part of your regular summer routine. It only takes a few minutes a day to keep your child moving forward toward fourth grade.

## Important Skills to Keep a Part of Your Summer Routine:

- Have your child read at least 20 minutes on his/her level. Provide him/her with a pack of sticky notes and the think marks worksheet (enclosed). As they read, have them make 2-4 sticky note think marks and have them explain in writing (on the sticky note) why they made that mark.
- Refer to the book levels pages (enclosed) for appropriate level books for your child.
- Have your child drill practice addition and subtraction math facts using flash cards. They should be able to do 30 problems in 2 minutes. If your child is solid with addition and subtraction facts, begin working on memorization of multiplication and division facts.

ALL IT TAKES IS 20 MINUTES OF INDEPENDENT READING at your child's reading level (this can be morning, night, during adult swim at the pool, etc.) AND 5-10 MINUTES OF MATH FACT PRACTICE 3 TIMES A WEEK TO KEEP YOUR CHILD READY FOR 4th GRADE! DON'T LET YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCE SUMMER SLIDE!!!!

# Summer Reading List

\*denotes chapter books

## Levels K-L or Any leveled readers

Nate the Great series \* - Marjorie Weinman Sharmat - Level K-L  
Armadilly Chili - Helen Ketterman - Level K  
Arthur's Underwear - Marc Brown - Level K  
Dinosaurs Alive and Well!: A Guide to Good Health - Laurene Krasny Brown - Level K  
If You Give a Moose a Muffin - Laura Numeroff - Level K  
Otis - Loren Long - Level K  
\* Frog and Toad - Arnold Lobel - Level K  
\* Little Bear - Else Holmelund Minarik - Level K  
Moon Bear Books - Frank Asch - Level K  
Franklin Books - Paulette Bourgeois - Level K  
\*Any Amelia Bedelia books - Peggy Parish - Level L  
Beans on the Roof \* - Betsy Byars - Level L  
Cinderella's Rat - Susan Meddaugh - Level L  
Kate and the Beanstalk - Mary Pope Osborne - Level L  
Math for all Seasons - Greg Tang - Level L  
My Weird School series\* - Dan Gutman - Level L  
On the Road \* - Lucy Nolan - Level L  
Pinky and Rex series\* - James Howe - Level L  
The Problem with Chickens - Bruce McMillan - Level L  
Three Cheers for Tacky - Helen Lester - Level L  
The Ugly Vegetables - Grace Lin - Level L  
Nate the Great series - Marjorie Weinman Sharmat - Level L  
Black Lagoon Adventures - Mike Thaler - Level L  
Horriblele Harry - Suzy Kline - Level L  
Cam Jansen series- David Adler - Level L/M  
Berenstain Bears books- Stan and Jan Berenstain - Level L

## Level M

Abe Lincoln and Me - Louise Borden - Level M  
Arthur chapter books series\* - Stephen Krensky - Level M  
The Bee Tree - Patricia Polacco - Level M  
The Best Book of Mummies - Philip Steele - Level M  
Centerfield Ballhawk \* - Matt Christopher - Level M  
The Crane Wife - Odds Bodkin - Level M  
Dirt on Their Skirts \* - Doreen Rappaport - Level M  
Junie B. Jones Series\* - Barbara Park – Level M  
Ivy + Bean \* - Annie Barrows - Level M  
Magic Tree House series\* - Mary Pope Osborne - Level M

Minnie and Moo and the Seven Wonders of the World \* - Denys Cazet -

\*Cam Jansen series- David Adler - Level L/M

\* Babysitter's Club series - Ann M. Martin - Level M

\*Judy Moody series - Megan McDonald - Level M

\* The Littles series - John Peterson - Level M

### **Level N**

Amber Brown Goes Fourth \* - Paula Danziger - Level N

Cook-a-doodle-doo! - Janet Stevens - Level N

Dragon Slayer's Academy series\* - Kate McMullan - Level N

The Hard Times Jar - John Holyfield - Level N

If You Decide to Go to the Moon - Faith McNulty - Level N

Jigsaw Jones Mysteries series \* - James Preller - Level N

Kamishibai Man - Allen Say - Level N

More Than Anything Else - Marie Bradby - Level N

The Thirteen Colonies - Brendan January - Level N

Through Georgia's Eyes - Rachel Rodriguez - Level N

\* Puppy Place series - Ellen Miles - Level N

\*Stink series - Megan McDonald - Level N

\*Geronimo Stilton series - Level N

\*The Boxcar Children series - Level N

### **Advanced Readers (Levels O and Up)**

Who Was Biographies – various authors (can be found at Barnes and Noble)

Baseball Saved Us - Ken Mochizuki

Cam Janson Series\* – David Adler

Diary of a Wimpy Kid\* – Jeff Kinny

Lightship - Brian Floca

Pippi Longstocking \* - Astrid Lindgren

Socks \* - Beverly Cleary

The World According to Humphrey \* - Betty Birney

Geronimo Silton series\*

The Boxcar Children series\* - Gertrude Chandler Warner

Sideways Stories from Wayside School \* - Louis Sachar

Roald Dahl Books\*

If You Lived at the Time of the Colonial Times – Anne McGovern  
(many books in this series)

Little House Series\* – Laura Ingalls Wilder

Bunnicula Series\* – James Howe

Magic School House Books – Joanne Cole

Ramona Series\* – Beverly Cleary

American Girl Collection\*