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. friscolibrary.com/calendar
2. Encourage kids to read at least 20 minutes every day. Ask your friendly library staff for recommendations.
3. Read to your kids! friscolibrary.com/research
4. Transform car rides into reading time. Check out our audio book collection, including eAudiobooks, for your next road trip.
5. Visit your local library with your kids. Let them pick out books on their favorite topics and they’ll read more often!