

Summer Learning Loss

Educational research has been focusing on learning loss for over 100 years. Statistics show that students lose 2-3 months of knowledge every summer. Educators and researchers refer to it as “summer learning loss” or “summer brain drain.” What does it mean for preschool-age children? How can we prevent or diminish it? Well, if research demonstrates that all students experience significant learning losses in procedural and factual knowledge during the summer months, the most viable answer may be to emphasize critical thinking, language development, and creativity during daily routines.



If you are working with children from low-income families, the research will tell you that they experience an average summer learning loss in reading achievement of over two months. On average, children from low-income families lose nearly three months of grade-level equivalency during the summer months each year, compared to an average of one month lost by middle-income children when reading and math performance are combined. As educators, these facts may encourage you to be more intentional when setting up your environment, planning your curriculum, and reaching out for parent education engagement.

Need more ideas on how to support summer learning? Visit the website:

<http://www.languagecastle.com/2014/06/summer-learning-day-preschool-dlls/>

Here are some ideas you can implement in your classroom or at home.....

- Reading to your child is important to support social-emotional development, language acquisition, and mathematical thinking. If you need ideas and resources in English and Spanish visit <http://www.colorincolorado.org/>
- One way to reinforce children’s critical thinking is to use the scientific method steps (questioning, observation, prediction, experimentation, and share results). They facilitate language acquisition, mathematical practices, and intentional interactions between you and the children. Visit this website to get resources and videos: **Mariateresaruiz.com**
- Utilize your daily routine to embed mathematical, language and science practices. (read books, use new vocabulary during bath time, describe what you are doing while cooking, ask open ended questions, make learning fun!).
- Do you need staff development sessions? Visit **mariateresaruiz.com**

“Imagination is more important than knowledge.”– Albert Einstein.

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