




Supporting Summer Learning

For Children with Learning Disabilities

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No More Homework, No More Books...





A Quick Look at the Research

- 25% loss in reading skills
- Lower standardized test scores in September as compared to May
- Disadvantaged children experience "summer slide"
- Math & spelling losses greater than reading





A Good Look at the Child

- Social and Emotional Well Being
- Need for Extended Academic Time
- Development of Strengths and Talents

Balance!





GOALS of Summer Learning



- Remediation
- Enrichment
- Acceleration



REMEDATION

Benefits of Summer School

- ESY & Factors for Consideration
- It's All About the Reading Intervention!
- Other Options for "Specially Designed Instruction"
 - Tutoring
 - Organizational programs

ENRICHMENT

Structured Summer Reading Programs

- Libraries
- School Based Summer Assignments
- Book Clubs




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Beyond Reading Activities

- Focused Opportunities for Study
- Exploration Experiences
- Moments of Unstructured Discovery
- Build in Plenty of Social Time




ACCELERATION

- Preview Upcoming Textbooks and Literature Selections
- Explore Common Core State Standards Expectations and Topics of Study
- Experiment with New AT Tools
- Prepare for School Transitions



Summer

Audiobook Tips



PARENT PREP TIME

- Explore New Resources and Supports
- Review Next Year's IEP and Set Expectations for a Good Start to the School Year
- Develop your Child's "Positive Student Profile" to Share with Next Year's Teacher



Relax and Recharge!



POSITIVE STUDENT PROFILE





- Summer Enrichment Program
- Access to the Experts Speaker Series
- Workshops & Trainings
- Research to Practice Symposium

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