




# 10 Ways to Prevent the Summer Slide

- **Read every day.** Read non-fiction, fiction, eBooks, poetry, newspapers and read out loud. For an independent reader, 30 minutes is usually a good amount of time to read. Local libraries have a wonderful summer reading program with incentives and rewards for books read over the summer. Find something to read every day. Encourage kids to read the comics in the newspaper every morning, or online resources while playing on the computer.
- **Cook with your children.** This is one of the best ways to integrate math, reading and following directions. Let your child design the menu, too. Help your child put together their favorite recipes in a cookbook. *\*\*\*This will help review 3rd Grade Mathematical Skills (Measurements).*
- **Plant a garden.** Your child will gain responsibility and pride as they watch their plants grow and thrive.
- **Take a field trip.** Head out to a museum, zoo or local park with walking trails. Keep a journal about your travels.
- **Learn a new word each week.** Hang it on the fridge and see who can use it the most times throughout the week.
- **Enroll in a quality summer program** that will provide your child with opportunities to build their critical thinking skills.
- **Play quick games** with flashcards like Math War or Concentration to keep math skills sharp. Students can also review Multiplication and Division 0-12 Facts Flashcards.
- **Listen to audiobooks** during your summer road trip.
- **Take pictures and make a summer scrapbook.** Encourage your children to write narratives to accompany the pictures.
- **Make a Summer Journal** about all your child's adventures or what they did each day over the summer.
-  **Please try to Make time to read.** It can't be said enough; if your child does nothing else this summer make sure she/he is reading 30+ min. a day!