



## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD OVER THE SUMMER!



### What is the "Summer Slide"?

The concept of summer learning loss was first on the radar of researchers in 1996. It refers to students sliding back in their ability levels due to lack of practice. Just like individuals lose their fitness if they don't exercise the same is true for academic skills. It is important for students to practice their skills so that they come into the new school year with the tools they need to begin doing the next grade level's work.

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO PREVENT "THE SLIDE"?

Parents can help! This does not mean that you are responsible for replicating the kind of learning that happens in the school year, rather it means creating an environment and opportunities where students have a chance to practice their reading and math skills in meaningful ways.

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and 3 for  
tips on how  
to help!*



## Support Reading Skills

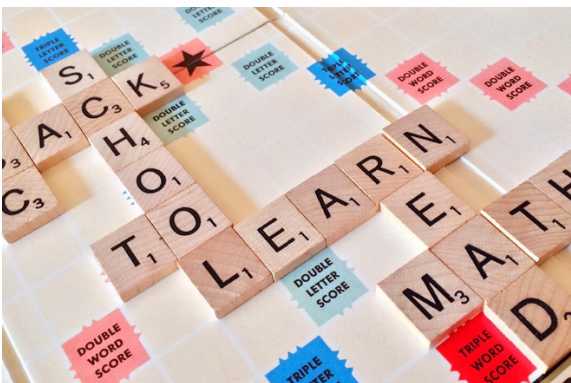
- Read for at least 20 minutes a day.
- Read aloud to your child.
- Explore lots of different types of texts from picture books to chapter books, to magazines and newspapers.
  - [Magazine Subscriptions for kids of all ages!](#)
- Join the [Livingston Public Library Summer Reading Challenge](#).
- Visit the [Livingston Public Schools Website](#) for great book list suggestions.
- Complete the [calendars](#) for a new fun activity daily.



### Build Spelling Skills with Games

*It doesn't always have to feel like work to mean that kids are learning!*

- Boggle/Boggle Jr.
- Scrabble/ Scrabble Jr.
- Wordle
- Banana-grams
- Word searches
- Crossword puzzles
- Phonics Dominoes



### Games and Strategies for Building Vocabulary

#### Games:

- Headbands
- Catchphrase
- Pictionary
- Scattagories
- Pickles to Penguins
- Apples to Apples
- MadLibs

#### Strategies

- Involve your child in activities like cooking or gardening and introduce the words associated with the activity.
- Have conversations about your day.
- Talk about books.
- Group words into categories or in relation to other words.
- Think of synonyms and antonyms for over used words.
- Keep a running list of new words. Discuss their meanings and try to use them.
- Point out words that are related because they have similar bases, but different prefixes or suffixes.

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# Math in Real Life

## Baking/Cooking

Following a recipe offers an excellent, hands-on opportunity to experience fractions. Challenge your child by having them determine how much of an ingredient would be needed if you were doubling or halving the recipe.



## Make change

Even though we live in a digital world, cash can still be king! If you are paying for something in cash, have your child determine how much change they should expect to receive.



## Telling Time

Practice telling time on an analog clock. Help students think about elapsed time looking at your schedule of activities and determining how much time each will take, how much time you have from the end of one activity to the beginning of another, how much time you spent doing activities today, etc.



## Gas

While the price of gas is out of this world, it offers a great opportunity to estimate. Next time you fill up the tank, notice the price per gallon and how much money was spent. Help your child estimate how many gallons of gas were put in your car.



## Free Games

### Tang Math Summer Challenge

A math challenge game board for students to complete during their summer break, using the online games and books at [TangMath.com](http://TangMath.com). Students who complete the challenge can be entered into a prize drawing by their parent or teacher.



### Card Games

Play card games with a standard pack of playing cards



## Games for Purchase

- Rat-A-Tat-Cat
- Monopoly
- Set
- 24
- Math Dice

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