



Summer Learning 2023



Clayton Public School District

Dear Parents and Students:

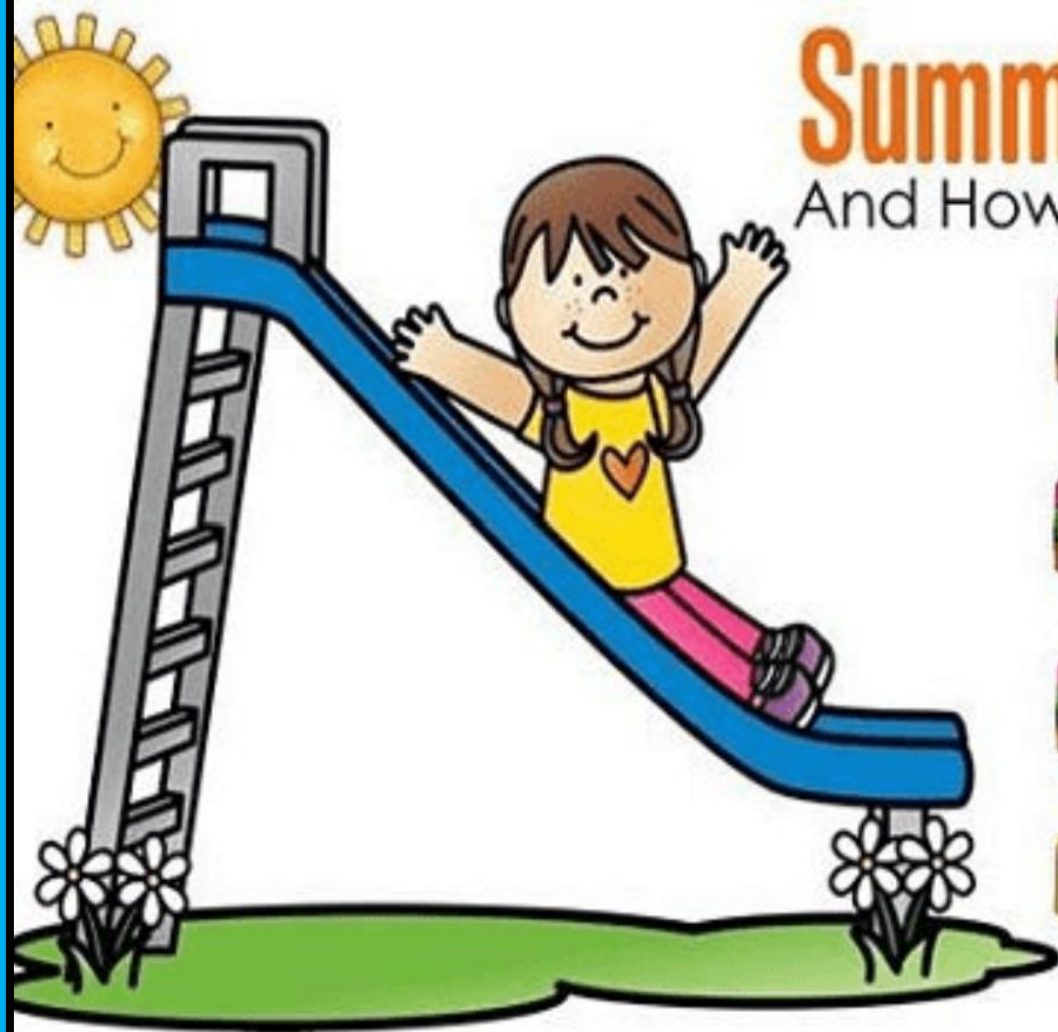
We are pleased to announce that our district will continue its tradition of encouraging learning activities during the summer break for all students.

Summer Slide causes students to lose what they have learned during the school year due to the free time that they have in the summer months, when they are not engaged in learning activities. Research has proven that students who engage in summer learning activities reduce the effects of the **Summer Slide**.

Although students will not be required to complete a summer reading project this year, we are **strongly** recommending that all students make time to read literature and practice math skills as often as possible.

This presentation will provide you with the following information and resources:

1. Summer Slide Prevention
2. Recommendations For Summer Learning Activities



Summer Slide Statistics

And How to **Avoid the Summer Slide**

-  Over **2 ½ months** of math skills are lost over summer
-  **2 months** of reading skills are lost over summer
-  Teachers spend **6 weeks** reteaching old material
-  Spend just **2-3 hours per week** during summer to **avoid the summer slide!**

Prevent Summer Learning Loss

Have your child read at least
20 MINUTES PER DAY



Students who read **5 minutes** a day score only in the **50th percentile**
Students who read **20 minutes** a day score in the **90th percentile**

*Annex C, Cunningham and Muthé G. Stearns, What Reading Does for the Mind, The American Federation of Teachers, American Education, Vol. 22, No. 1-2, pp. 8-15.

Visit  the  **Library.**

Find reasons for your child to **practice** writing skills.

Write... 
a book, a blog, a zine, a poem

Engage in meaningful conversations with your child.

Stimulating conversations boost language skills.

Quick Conversation Tips:

1. Ask questions.
2. Be positive.
3. Give your full attention.
4. Be encouraging.

Audio Books 

Instead of listening to music, listen to audio books during long drives.

Model Reading Behavior

If your child sees you reading, they will want to read as well.

Read to your child

This builds listening skills, imagination, and increases vocabulary.

Learn a new word each week.

Post the new word with its definition and have a contest for who can use it the most times in one week.

Reciprocity
Fait Accompli
Equanimity
Plethora
Erudition
Panacea

COOK with your child



Have your child follow a recipe. This enhances both reading and math skills.



Ten Reasons Why Summer Reading is Essential For A Child's Success

Link: <https://kidsontheyard.com/articles/education/general-education/why-summer-reading-essential/>

National Summer Learning Association

Link: <https://www.summerlearning.org/parent-toolkit/>

Preventing Summer Learning Loss For Kids (Video 4:01)

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NT8vFOuSHKY>

The Summer Slide: Summer Learning Loss Facts and Prevention Tips

Link: http://www.handyhandouts.com/viewHandout.aspx?hh_number=438&



Math and English Language Arts Practice Grades K-12

<https://www.ixl.com/signin/cbe>

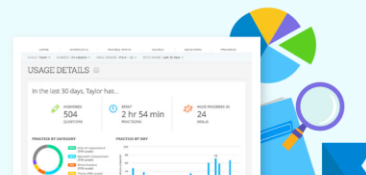
Learn with IXL at home!



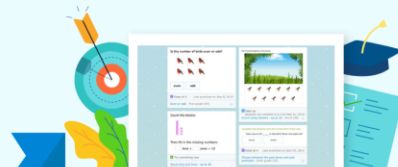
We're using IXL to support our curriculum this year, and your child has access to this online program at home. With thousands of skills that match what we're learning, as well as insights into student progress, IXL is a great resource to help your child excel.



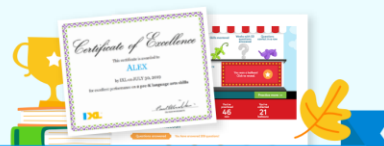
Unlimited practice in 8,000+ skills



Progress-tracking reports



Personalized skill recommendations



Certificates and awards

*All students who were enrolled in Clayton Public School District this past school year have an IXL account.
Most students will know their login information.
If you need your child's login information
please email Tanya Clark tclark@claytonps.org

FREE OR CHEAP BOOKS & LEARNING MATERIALS



Gloucester County Library System
(<https://www.gcls.org/>)



Simmons Elementary
Free Little Library



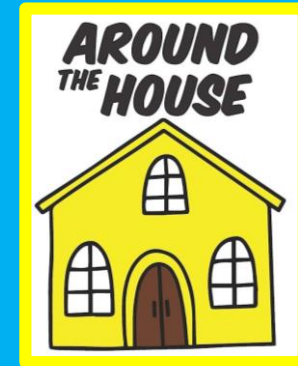
Yard Sales, Thrift Stores, Flea Markets



Online Shopping-Used Books



Discount Stores



Home Libraries, Hand-Me-Down Books,
Family & Friends, Re-Reads