



Children who **do not** read during the summer can slide backwards by **2 months** or roughly **22 percent** in their reading levels.

Make Summer Reading Fun!

- ❖ Grab a *flashlight* and read in the dark...more fun if it's outside in a makeshift tent!
- ❖ Make an ice cold drink and read about polar bears, penguins, icebergs...you get the idea!
- ❖ Read 20 minutes a day and earn points to go out for a special treat—I scream! You scream! We all scream for ice cream!
- ❖ Read a book--then watch the movie. Any chance their might be something fun like *How to Eat Fried Worms?* (The library would be a good resource for suggestions.)
- ❖ Have family reading time and read together one of the books from *The Chronicles of Narnia* or any other book that sounds exciting. Three of the Narnia books have been made into movies. Yes...your kids would love to hear you read...great family discussions. ☺
- ❖ Grab a children's recipe book (or look up kid friendly recipes online). Let the kids create a menu—with a little adult guidance so you don't end up with all desserts! Have your kids read the recipe and help fix dinner. Extra incentive...adults will do all the clean-up while the kiddos put on some fun music and read a joke book to you.
- ❖ Don't forget poetry... sprinkle in some poetry throughout the summer. Tuck poems in fun places. Kids enjoy reading poems that pop up in unexpected places: on a pillow at night, the television remote, the bathroom mirror, a poem served with supper, their favorite chair, etc.
- ❖ For the drama queen, or king, in your family check out play books at the library. Or go on line and search for reader's theater scripts...large selection of free scripts just waiting to be discovered.
- ❖ Music lyrics can be entertaining. Have your kids try to sing (or say) all the words to their favorite songs. Then look up the lyrics on line...are they truly singing all of the words correctly???

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."
Walt Disney