

Reducing Summer Learning Loss Tips for Schools

- Encourage teachers to talk with parents and students about summer learning loss and the importance of summer reading.
- ❖ Help every child get a **public library card** and give your students **summer reading lists**.
- Encourage your students to read for at least 20 minutes every day, especially over the summer. Encourage parents to read with their child during this period.
- Encourage your students to join summer reading challenges at local libraries or through Scholastic.
- Give parents and students information about museums, zoos, parks, farms, and other community sites they can visit over the summer to encourage hands-on learning all summer long.
- Provide students and their parents with information about school-based and community-based summer learning programs.
- Provide students and their parents with information about summer food programs, and include the times and locations of these programs.
- ❖ Partner with local community groups to run summer learning programs at your school. Keep your library media center open, too!
- Collaborate with community-based organizations that operate summer learning programs. Working together can help improve program quality; access for your students; and the availability of data on student attendance, satisfaction, and outcomes.

United Way of Rhode Island

Advocate for public and private funding to support summer learning programs for your students and your community.