



# Summer Reading- Some'er not!

Schools and families need to recognize how important it is to keep kids excited about reading all summer long. Research has continually shown what happens to learning if students are reading during these months. Students who read as few as six books during the summer gain or maintain reading skills achieved during the preceding school year.

Students who don't read may fall back more than a grade level in their skills. Teachers and parents need to promote the idea that books are as much a part of summer as swimming, fireworks, and ice cream! Pack up books with your traveling gear! Let's not take a vacation from reading.

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*Jim Trelease, author of the million-copy best seller, The READ ALOUD HANDBOOK, says, "Parents take their children to the mall ten times more often than they take them to the library." May we suggest that the next time you go to the shopping, stop at the library and check out some BOOKS!*