Summer Learning Loss Erases Gains from the School Year

But Summer Learning Programs Keep Students Growing!

School Climate
94% of students believe they can get better at something by trying hard. 5
83% of students say the program helps them like school. 6
93% of teachers report better relationships with students. 7

Student Engagement
84% of students report improved ability and motivation in school work. 5
Students show strong school day attendance and are 1/3 less likely to be chronically absent. 5

Common Core
Students and staff practice 4+
Common Core skills, through:
- Open-ended questions
- Project-based learning
- Student facilitation
- Presentations

Six Signs of a Great Summer Learning Program

Helps youth build mastery
Improves doing something they enjoy and care about.
(ex. creating a neighborhood garden, writing a healthy snacks cookbook or operating a robot).

Promotes healthy habits
Provides nutritious food, physical recreation and outdoor activities.

Fosters cooperative learning
Work with their friends on team projects and group activities.
(ex. a neighborhood clean-up, group presentation or canned food drive).

Lasts at least one month
Gives youth enough time to benefit from their summer learning experiences.

Includes a wide variety of fun and engaging activities
(ex. reading, writing, math, science, arts and public service projects)

Broadens youth horizons
Exposes them to new adventures, skills and ideas.
(ex. a nature walk, new computer program, museum visit or live performance).

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