

Reverse the Summer Slide with Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids

Summer Reading Field Studies Summary

It is estimated that the average student will lose up to one month of reading gains during summer breaks and that disadvantaged students will be affected to greater degrees.¹ In order to counteract the summer slide in literacy skills, children need access to high-quality, supplemental reading materials.

Overview of Study

Two separate field studies were conducted to see whether Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids could mitigate the loss in reading skills that can occur when students are not exposed to quality reading materials over the summer.



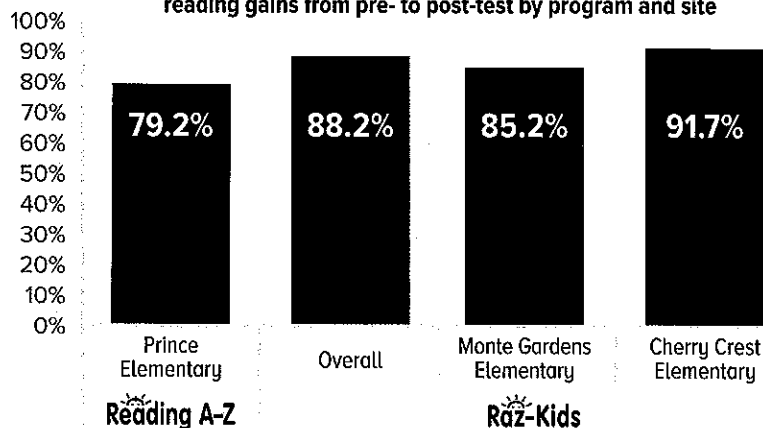
Conclusion

Over 85 percent of students using Reading A-Z or Raz-Kids not only prevented a loss in reading skills, but rather made gains in reading performances from pre- to post-testing.

Reading Gains Observed

The majority of students in Reading A-Z or Raz-Kids summer programs were able to continue their reading growth during the summer.

Percent of Reading A-Z/Raz-Kids students who demonstrated reading gains from pre- to post-test by program and site



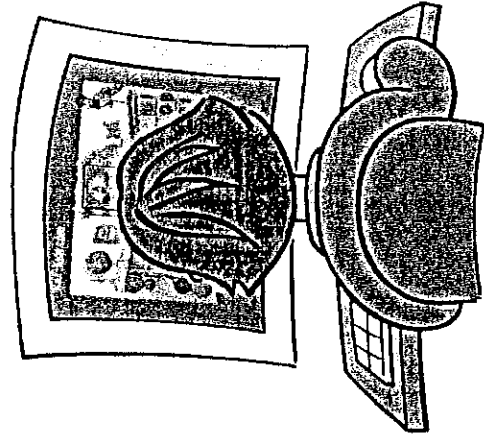
¹ Cooper, H., Nye, B., Charlton, K., Lindsay, J., & Greathouse, S. 1996. "The Effects of Summer Vacation on Achievement Test Scores: A Narrative and Meta-Analytic Review." *Review of Educational Research*, 227-268.

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Summer Reading Contract

I, _____, will log into

Raz-Kids.com and read 12 stories during my summer vacation. I will write in my reading log after finishing each book. I will give my reading log to my teacher when school starts.




Camilla James

Student

Parent

Teacher

 RAZ-KIDS.COM





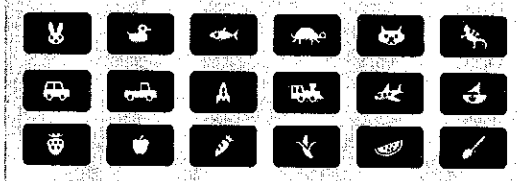
Dear Parent or Guardian,

The long summer vacation is just around the corner and I want to make sure that your child continues to make progress in his or her reading during the break. Our school has a subscription to www.raz-kids.com, which allows your child to access an online library of reading materials from any computer connected to the Internet. Raz-Kids helps students improve their reading skills as they listen to a book read for modeled fluency. If the computer has a built-in record function, they can record themselves reading the same book. Or, students can read the book to themselves or aloud for practice. Interactive quizzes are available at the end of each book to check for understanding.

With this letter, I am sending home a summer reading contract for you and your child. **Please sign it and return it to me.** You will also find a **Summer Reading Log** for use during the summer vacation. Please make sure that your child adds the information for each book read, and that you add your initials. Have your child turn in the log to his or her teacher after the summer break.

Here is how to access the website and your child's reading assignment from any computer connected to the Internet:

1. Go to www.raz-kids.com from your Internet browser and click on 
2. Type in the teacher's username _____ and click 
3. Find your name or symbol _____ on the chart and click on that symbol.
4. Enter a picture password if prompted.



Or text password: _____

5. The books in your child's assignment and stars earned appear on a personal assignment page. Your child can choose to listen, read, or take a quiz by clicking on the symbols below each book. If worksheets have been assigned, these will be sent home by the teacher.

Remember, the more your child reads, the better reader he or she will become!

Sincerely,

Name _____

Teacher's Username _____ Student Password _____

Summer Reading Log

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