

## **Legacy Summer Bridge Program**

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Summer is the time to relax and spend time with your children while building precious memories. Ridged school schedules are replaced with more relaxed ones and the educational pressure is off. As parents, we engage our children in many summer activities such as VBS, camps and playdates. All these activities help keep our children entertained during the summer break, but we must not neglect the educational aspects of summer. Keeping students engaged in learning over the summer can be a challenge if we are not prepared.

According to the National Summer Learning Association, students lose about two months of grade-level equivalency in certain skills during the educational break. Students experience learning losses when they do not engage in some form of educational activities. So why not make summer learning an active time for continuing to learn new things together? Your local library should feature a full line-up of summer programs that will ensure your child's reading skills do not decline. Ask your librarian for suggestions on books that will spark your child's interests in a variety of subjects, such as volcanoes, rocks or dinosaurs. A student's math skills can suffer the most. Students can lose two months of grade-level equivalency in their math skills. We would like to encourage Legacy students to continue developing math skills by flexing their math muscles and continuing to set goals in Reflex Math.

At Legacy parents are given the opportunity to engage and enhance summer learning by encouraging students to continue sharpening skills over the summer. A great goal for bridging the educational gap is to engage your student in the Summer Bridge program provided on the Legacy website. Legacy elementary teachers updated the Summer Bridge options for grades stepping up to kindergarten through fourth grade. The Summer Bridge program was created to provide our Legacy families with some new and refreshing learning experiences. We hope you all will take advantage of this opportunity.

