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Early Childhood and
Reading Development

Tackling the Summer Slide: Creating a Game Plan



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27% of MS 4th graders in 2017 scored **at or above proficient in reading** as measured by NAEP





End of third grade reading predicts academic achievement and career success.

It's Achievable!

Health and Development on Track Beginning at Birth

Supported and Supportive Families and Communities

High Quality Birth-through-Age-Eight Learning
Environments with Regular Attendance



This is where we come in!



We support families everyday!

Help Children Avoid Summer Learning Loss

Children work hard during the school year, and they are learning a lot. Despite that work, they can lose what they learn during breaks and summer. When that happens, they return to school behind.



Why Is Summer Learning Important?

According to the National Summer Learning Association:

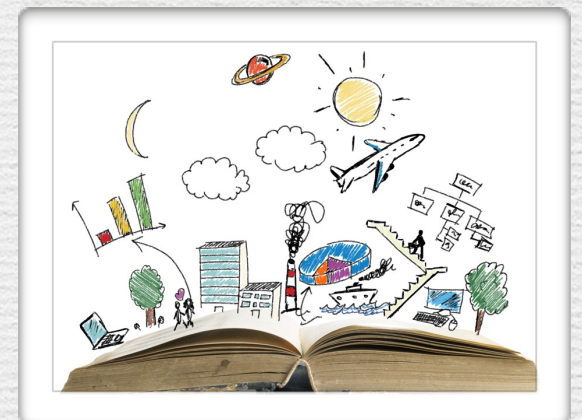
- Most students lose two months of math skills every summer, and children from low-income families typically lose another two to three months in reading.
- Summer learning loss during elementary school accounts for two-thirds of the achievement gap in reading between children from low-income families and their peers from middle-income families by ninth grade.
- Nine in ten teachers spend at least three weeks re-teaching lessons when school starts.

Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Focus Areas

- We have 8 campaign communities in Mississippi, which focus on school readiness, school attendance, summer learning/out-of-school time, and grade-level reading.
- Summer Learning is one of the major focus areas of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, which is a collaborative effort by foundations, nonprofit partners, business leaders, government agencies, states, and over 350 communities across the nation.

What Supports Summer Learning?

- Children reading every day and adults reading with them. Reading over the summer is just one way to support summer learning. Having books that match children's reading level and interest over the summer supports their reading skills.
- Combining learning with play.
- Fun activities that blend reading and math.
- Visiting your local library for books and programs.
- Communicating events and tips to the families and community



Creating a Game Plan

The good news is that we know what works!

We can prevent summer learning loss...

Let's make a Game Plan!



Celebrate National Summer Learning Week

June 29 - July 3, 2020

- Plan a special week to engage children, as well as parents during the summer.
 - Have a theme for each day and include multiple community partners
 - Partner with the summer meals program
 - Partner with summer programs or the local library
- Resource: National Summer Learning Association
 - <https://www.summerlearning.org>

Get the Word Out: Newsletters

- Send newsletters three times throughout the summer
 - Post flyers around town, send through school messaging systems, etc
- Simple Messages and Tips for Parents
 - Read with your children and listen to them read.
 - Encourage children to read 20 minutes every day.
 - Ask your children questions about what they are reading.
- Make sure to promote National Summer Learning Week
- See Handout - Summer Learning Newsletter Ideas

Get the Word Out: Social Media

- Social media posts each week between June 1 and August 3.
- Posts provide families tips and reminders to promote summer learning
- See Handout - Summer Learning Social Media Posts

Get the Word Out: Texts/Calls

- Using your school system's mass text/calling system, send out weekly messages to promote summer learning
- See Handout - Summer Learning Text/Call Tips

WE HAVE BIG DREAMS FOR OUR CHILDREN

We want them to grow up to be happy and successful adults—to be the best that they can be. School plays a big part in helping our children achieve these dreams—and so does summer!

Our children work hard during the school year and they learn a lot. But if we are not careful, they can lose what they learn over the summer. When that happens, they start the next school year behind and it's hard to catch up. We can keep this from happening, and it's as simple as reading, talking, listening and writing.

READING • *How can you make reading fun for your child?*

- **READ WITH YOUR CHILD.** The more parents read to children, the more children enjoy reading.
- **GRAB A BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY FOR YOU TOO.** Let your child see you reading.
- **LET YOUR CHILD SELECT BOOKS ON TOPICS THAT INTEREST HIM OR HER.** To check if the book is the right reading level for your child, you can:
 - » Ask a librarian for help.
 - » Use the five-finger rule. Ask your child to read 100 words from a book and have him raise one finger for each word that is too difficult to figure out. If he gets to five fingers, the book is probably too hard.

TALKING & LISTENING • *It's about more than books.*

- **ASK YOUR CHILD QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT HE OR SHE IS READING.**
 - » What do you think will happen next?
 - » Why do you think she did that?
 - » What was the story or chapter about?
- **TALK ON THE GO.** When you are out and about with your child, talk together about what you see, hear, think, and feel.
- **RHYMING TEACHES CHILDREN HOW LANGUAGE WORKS.** Take turns listing words that rhyme—cool/pool, coat/boat, sun/fun. Make it into a game!

WRITING • *Writing helps children learn to express their ideas and feelings.*

- **HAVE PENCILS, CRAYONS, MARKERS AND PAPER OUT AT HOME.**
- **MAKE WRITING FUN.**
- **WRITE YOUR CHILD A SHORT NOTE** and ask them to write you back.
- **MAKE YOUR FAMILY'S SHOPPING LIST WITH YOUR CHILD.** Ask your child to check the items off the list as you find them. Talk with children about what you'll do with each item.

SHARED LIBRARY

MISSISSIPPI CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE-LEVEL READING

3RD GRADE READING SUCCESS MATTERS

LOU Reads

Summer Learning Week 2019



July 8th -July 12th, 2019

9:00a.m -11:00a.m

Oxford Middle School Cafeteria (Mon-Thur)
Oxford Practice Field (Fri)



Monday, July 8th: Discovery Day
Science-based presentation and activities



Tuesday, July 9th: Masterpiece Day
Ole Miss Traveling Trunks Presentation and Painting



Wednesday, July 10th: Future Leaders' Day
Children are encouraged to dress in a career costume for a prize.
Games for children through 6th grade. Escape Room for 7th-12th.



Thursday, July 11th: Bookworm Day
Author, Juanita Gambrell Floyd, will read her book. We will have a Book Swap, so bring a book to trade with a friend. The Literacy Bus will be there, too.



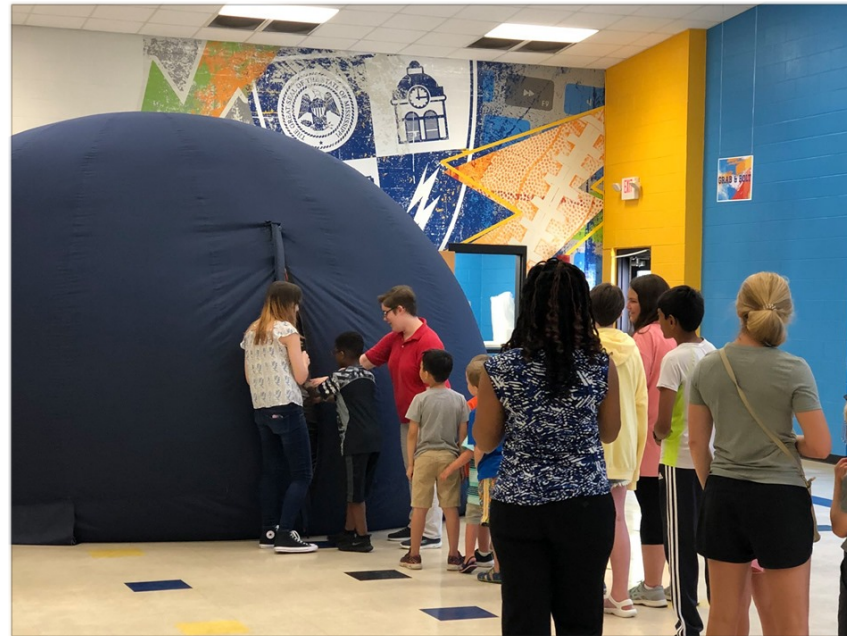
Friday, July 12th: Winning at Wellness Day
Good Foods for Oxford Schools presentation and games on the OMS Practice Field.



- Summer Learning Week was housed at a local middle school in conjunction with the summer meals program.
- 9am-11am

LOU Reads Summer Learning Week 2019

- Monday: Discovery Day
 - We partnered with the University of Mississippi Center for Math and Science Education.
 - Children completed various STEM-related activities and experienced the Mobile Planetarium.



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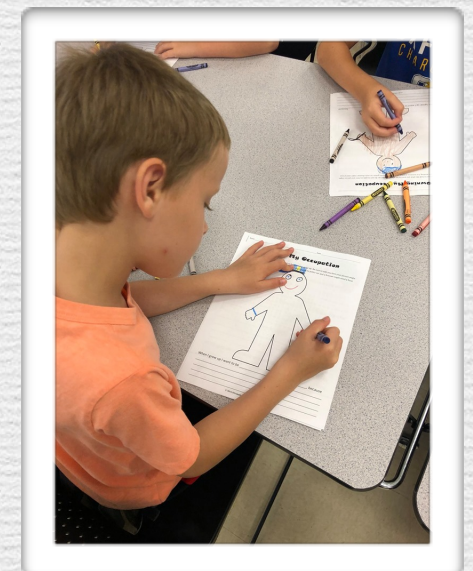
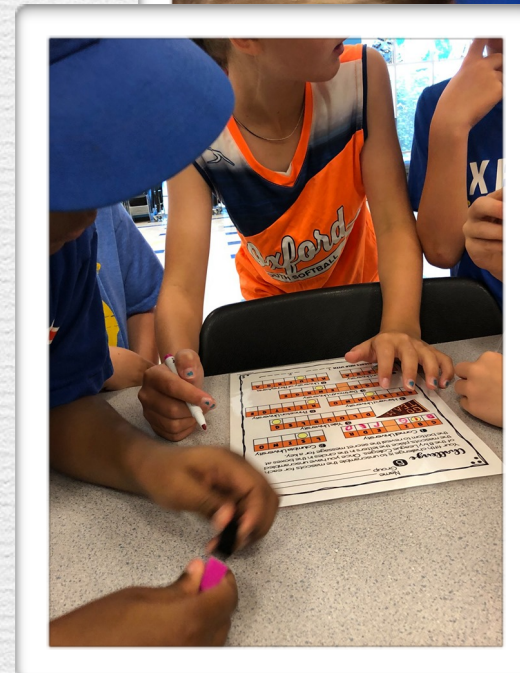
- Tuesday: Masterpiece Day
- We partnered with the University Museum.
- Children learned about Africa. They explored artifacts and made a mask.



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- Wednesday: Future Leaders' Day
 - Children were encouraged to dress in a career "costume."
 - Children worked in teams to complete challenges related to college and careers



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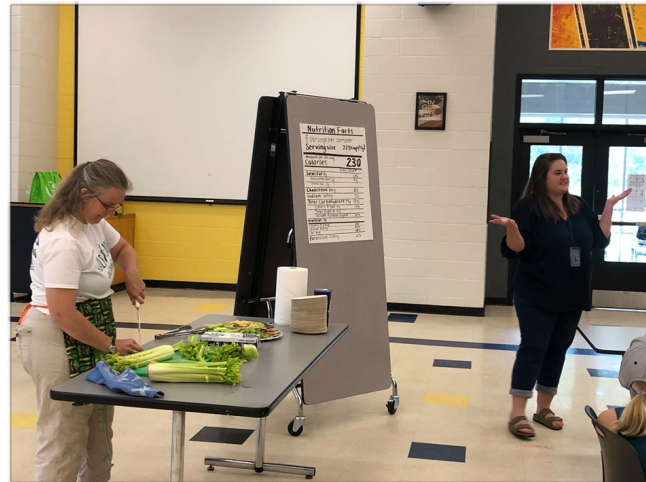
- Thursday: Bookworm Day
- MS Author, Juanita Gambrell Floyd, read her book, *The Summer of 1969*, and discussed various topics with the children about writing.



LOU Reads brought the Literacy Bus and had a book swap.

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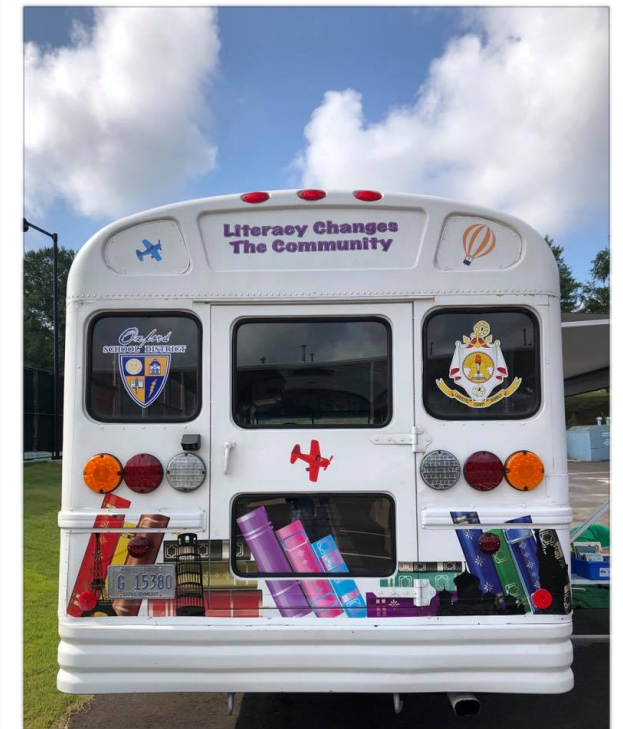
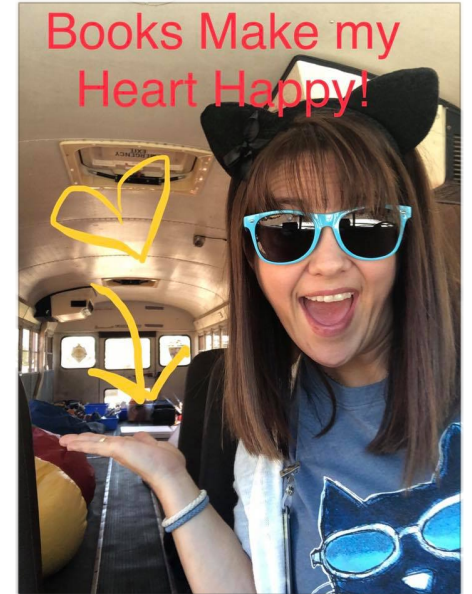


- Friday: Winning at Wellness
 - We partnered with Good Food for Oxford Schools. They talked about healthy eating and showed children make humus.
 - We also had local coaches lead children in various team games outside.



Summer Learning: Taking it to the Streets

- Mobile Literacy Project- Literacy Bus
- Distribute books
- Play fun games
- Take part in community-wide events



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