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Fun activities can combat summer’s learning loss

Summer is quickly approaching, and youth are winding down their school year over the next few weeks. Here at ICAN, we are excited to welcome our youth to the center for full-day sessions, giving us more time to spend with them and offer learning and recreational options.

Summer learning loss is a common phrase heard this time of year. Studies have shown that students can lose up to a quarter of their school-year learning over the summer. This gap is even greater for youth living in poverty. These youth have fewer resources to attend summer camps and

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a wealth of knowledge. These dedicated volunteers work with our youth throughout the year to develop their literacy skills.

ICAN youth will also enjoy weekly STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities throughout the summer, which will keep them engaged and exploring. ICAN also has some incredible partners for field trips over the summer, including the DFR School of Construction and Chandler Schools Pizza Camp.

Summer learning loss can be an issue for all youth, regardless of economic background. Keeping youth engaged and learning throughout the summer can give them a big advantage going into the next school year.

Here are some tips and ideas to prevent summer learning loss in your home:

1. Encourage your child to read 30 minutes a day during the summer months. Let them read something of their choice that they will truly enjoy; even magazines and comic books can be a great option.

2. Puzzles, board games and card games are great ways to boost problem-solving skills. Play a weekly family game night to keep it consistent.

3. Build arts and crafts together with your child.

4. Technology: Though it drives many parents crazy, technology can be a great tool to keep kids engaged over the summer. Apps like Math Champ, Opposite Ocean and Brain Quest can allow kids to be on their devices but continue to learn while they are there.

If you are looking for even more great ideas on ways to prevent summer learning loss, here are a couple of links:


www.educationnews.com/2019/04/479-resources-to-prevent-summer-learning-loss/

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