

PARENTS, DID YOU KNOW...?

Summer Slide is a very real condition that happens to many students over their summer break. It is critical that you, as a parent, are aware of this, since summer slide can strongly affect your child's performance when back at school in fall. However, do not fear! There are many, painless ways to avoid this terrible condition for your child.

Landmark Elementary offers a summer reading program for our students. The books are free to be borrowed and prizes are awarded in fall. Watch for the handout coming soon from the school regarding this program.

The Jake Epp Library offers a WONDERFUL 7 week program (with PRIZES at the end). The theme this year is EUREKA! The theme focuses on books and how they spark creativity. Activities are around gardening, art, technology, science experiments, theater, music, games/play, and cooking. There are craft sessions for grade K – 4 every morning from Monday to Friday, as well as every morning for grades 5 – 8 from Monday to Wednesday. The cost for the program is \$10 for your family. The \$10 gives your family a summer membership to the library which means that, while your children are at their activities, you can be perusing and then signing out books! Registration for this program begins on June 23rd. Staff from the program will be presenting at a school assembly at LES at 9:10 on Friday, June 20th.



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In addition, there are many great websites that can provide you with inspiration and activities that are sure to fill the lazy summer days and have your child strong and ready for the new school year. Here are just some you could 'google' (or, if you are looking at this on-line you should be able to click the links) and check out:

- [Keeping Kids Engaged: Is your child at risk for Summer Slide?](#)
- [Creative Activities for Kids at Home keep your kids active this summer](#)
- [summer classes for kids](#)
- [turn off the tv this summer](#)
- [Young Rembrandts](#)
- [Kids' Summer Activities: Engaging Outdoor Play for Children](#)
- [Keeping Children Engaged: Fun Summer Activities for Kids and Families](#)
- [How to Keep Your Child's Brain Active this Summer](#)
- [Inspire Your Child: 10 Summer Activities for Kids](#)
- <http://www.education.com/seasonal/summer-slide>