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Preparing Youth for Here and Eternity

Steps to Prevent the

SUMMER SLIDE

WHAT IS SUMMER SLIDE AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

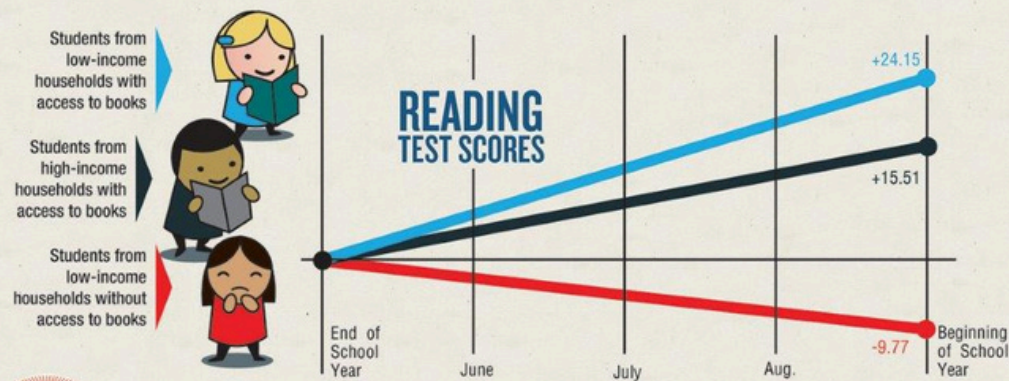
“**Summer slide**” is the tendency for students to lose some of the academic gains they made during the school year. To learn more about the research, please click the learn more button below.



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KIDS WHO READ BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Studies show that access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skill – especially for kids in need.



SOURCES: 1. Change in scores between end-of-year and following year testing as shown by the California Aptitude Test. (Slates, S. L., Alexander, K. L., Entwisle, D. R., & Olson, L. S. (2012). Counteracting summer slide: Social capital resources within socioeconomically disadvantaged families. Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk, 17(3), 165.)

SCHOOL MAY STOP FOR SUMMER But Learning Never Should

SUMMER LEARNING



SUMMER LOSS



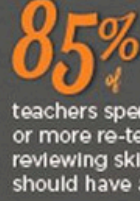
76%
of teachers say it's "extremely important" to practice skills over the summer.



84%
of teachers say students forget or "lose" some skills, knowledge or grade level equivalency.



90%
of teachers say if kids keep learning over the summer, they'll be more successful in the long run.



85%
of teachers spend 2 WEEKS or more re-teaching or reviewing skills students should have already learned.



95%
of parents say if kids keep learning over the summer, they'll be more successful in the long run.



41%
of teachers spend 1 MONTH or more re-teaching or reviewing skills students should have already learned.

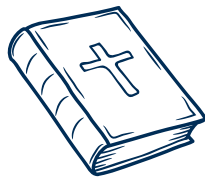


Research has shown that **a child’s spiritual foundation and view of the world is developed within their first six years of life** (Gillian, 2007). At Westbury Christian, we work each day to strengthen that spiritual foundation in our students from PreK3 through 12th grade. We hope each student will have a chance to continue learning about God over the summer as well!

Dr. Jennifer Sturgeon is a Master of Education Instructor in Northwestern’s online M.Ed. program. She researched educators in preschool – 2nd grade on the positive impact that faith-based education has on both individual students and the overall culture of their environment. To learn more about the research, please click the button below.

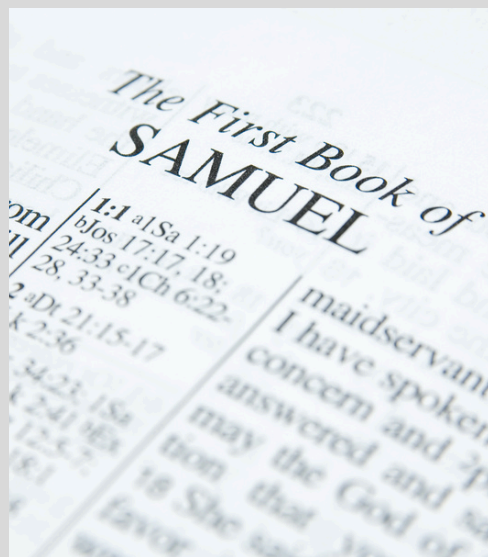
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2024-2025 THEME VERSE



Our theme verse for the 2024-2025 school year is 1 Samuel 16:7b.

“For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”



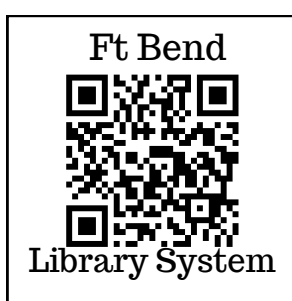
God is speaking to the prophet Samuel when it was time to anoint a new king over Israel. Samuel was drawn to the older and more handsome older brothers of the house of Jesse, and God speaks to Samuel, reminding the prophet that **the heart of a person is what is most important to Him.**

READING RESOURCES



I encourage you to join a public library reading incentive program in the summer!

Your child’s MAP report can tell you the Lexile Level (or you can email Mrs. Archer for more info). Librarians should be able to assist you in finding books that are geared towards your reader’s abilities!



ABDO ZOOM Children's Research



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ABDO Zoom Is an online research and resource for beginning readers in PreK-2nd Grade. Content is correlated to national curriculum:

- Read-along audio
- Educational videos
- Interactive games
- Printable activities

MATH AND READING WITH IXL



WCS provides student access for IXL, a diagnostic and practice program for both math and reading. Access the helpful guide below to guide your student through the steps to complete the diagnostic at the beginning of summer and let them practice skills targeted right on their level.

If your child doesn't know their username/password, email Mrs. Archer. Use this site for personalized access:

<https://www.ixl.com/signin/westbury>



READ MORE



To access the Quick Start Guide, scan the QR code or click the button above to get started.

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The Bible App
FOR KIDS



All Westbury Christian families have access to RightNow Media's Bible Study videos and resources. Another great resource is The Bible App for Kids!

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL ARCHER

School starts on Thursday, August 15, 2024. It is my prayer that these eleven and a half weeks of summer are filled with joy, safety, and togetherness, and that you find these resources to be helpful as you work with your child to prepare for the 2024-2025 school year.

**MAY GOD BLESS
YOUR FAMILY
THIS SUMMER!**



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