



Reading Is  
Fundamental

# Summer Reading Loss and the Achievement Gap

In the summer, 80% of students in economically disadvantaged families fall behind their higher-income peers in reading proficiency because of a lack of books and learning resources.

Children from economically disadvantaged families then lose one to three months of reading skills while higher-income peers make gains, resulting in three full years of loss by the end of grade 5.

This learning loss significantly contributes to the achievement gap.

