



## WELCOME TO THE BROADLANDS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Did you know that when kids read over the summer they are more likely to leap ahead when they return to school? This is often called the “summer leap,” and our school has made it a priority to keep our students’ skills sharp, and prevent the “summer slide”, by encouraging them to read all summer long.

Our school has signed up to participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge, a free online reading program that invites children to log their reading minutes all summer. The goal is for the students in our school to read the most minutes possible in an effort to receive recognition and a mention in the Scholastic book, *Best & Buzzworthy 2018: World Records, Trending Topics and Viral Moments*. With your help, we can do it! The school with the most reading minutes in the province will win 150 books for the school! Allez Broadlands! On peut le faire!

We're excited to share that the theme of this year's program is “Happy Camper: Take a Reading Adventure!” As kids log their reading minutes throughout the weeks of summer vacation, they will unlock a book featuring fun activities including games, videos, quizzes and more. Plus, throughout the summer, kids will earn digital rewards and learn about great new books to read. Families will have access to free book lists across all ages in both English and French, on the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge site [www.scholastic.ca/summer2017](http://www.scholastic.ca/summer2017)

The fun continues until September 8, 2017. Please hold on to this letter, and have your child fill in their information below. If your child forgets his or her summer reading login info, please contact [Broadlandsscholastic@gmail.com](mailto:Broadlandsscholastic@gmail.com), and remember to write the new password down, once it's been changed.

### MY SIGN-UP INFORMATION

My username: \_\_\_\_\_

My password: \_\_\_\_\_

Go to the address below to sign in

<http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2017/kids>

★ [www.scholastic.ca/families](http://www.scholastic.ca/families) - For more articles, tips, and free resources for parents

★ [www.scholastic.ca/kids](http://www.scholastic.ca/kids) - For more games, book recommendations, videos and free activities for kids

Have a wonderful summer!

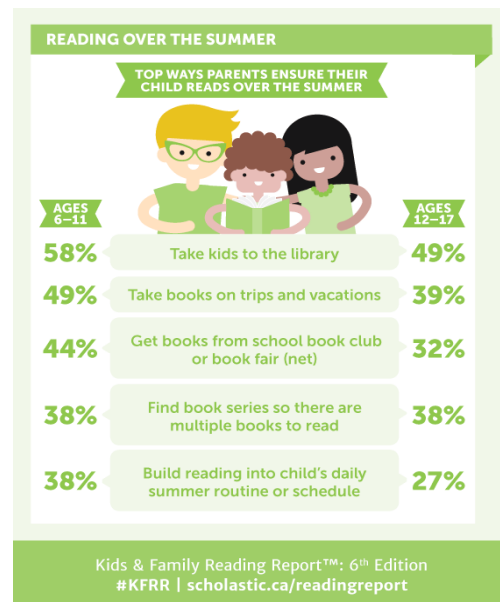
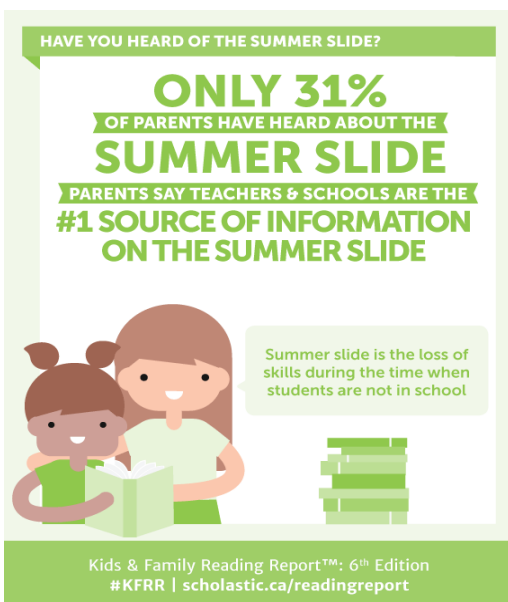
*Broadlands Scholastic Volunteers*

## 10 Critical Facts about Summer Reading

Losses from the "Summer Slide"—learning or reading skill losses during the summer months are cumulative, creating a wider gap each year between more proficient and less proficient students.

1. By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer reading loss has accumulated to a two-year lag in reading achievement.
2. Regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic level, or previous achievement, children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading-comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer.
3. Teachers typically spend between 4 to 6 weeks re-teaching material students have forgotten over the summer.
4. It is estimated that the "Summer Slide" accounts for as much as 85% of the reading achievement gap between lower income students and their middle- and upper-income peers.
5. During the school year, lower income children's skills improve at close to the same rate as those of their more advantaged peers—but over the summer, middle- and upper-income children's skills continue to improve, while lower income children's skills do not.
6. Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary and reading speed.
7. 3rd graders who can't read on grade level are four times less likely to graduate by age 18 than a proficient reader.
8. Having reading role-model parents or a large book collection at home has a greater impact on kids' reading frequency than does household income.
9. An overwhelming 92% of kids say they are **more likely to finish a book they picked out themselves**.
10. Ninety-six percent of parents and eighty-four percent of children aged 6-17 agree that reading a book over the summer helps kids during the school year.

### HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE SUMMER SLIDE?



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