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YMCA OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMIES

PREVENTING SUMMER LEARNING LOSS IN AT-RISK YOUTH

WHY IT MATTERS

For at-risk kids, a few months off in the summer can lead to major setbacks in school, including loss of knowledge and lowered test scores. Research indicates that two-thirds of the income-based achievement gap is attributed to summer learning loss; students who experience summer learning loss are on average two years behind their peers.

WHAT WE DO

In 2019, the Dallas Y operated Summer Learning Academies at two schools for 100 low-income youth who are at risk of falling behind their peers. For 5 weeks, teachers from each school provided engaging math and literacy lessons in the morning, and the Y provided fun, structured, camp-like activities in the afternoon.



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66% OF LOW-INCOME
STUDENTS DO NOT
MEET GRADE LEVEL STANDARDS



HOW IT HELPS

The goal of SLAs is to prevent summer learning loss and ensure future academic success for children who are struggling to perform at grade level. SLAs are designed so that students can enjoy their summer while also improving their math and reading abilities and avoiding the summer slide.

WHY PARENTS VALUE SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMIES

"...my daughter kept learning even during summer break"

"...my children had fun and at the same time learned"

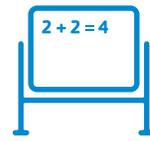
"The children feel motivated to attend school"

"Communication with parents and students. Teaching parents and students step by step on different learning activities at home."

IMPACT OF SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMIES



In 2019, we served 100 students at Roger Q Mills and Cesar Chavez Elementary Schools in our second year of offering Summer Learning Academies. 75% of the students attended at least half the program and of those students, 81% increased their scores in reading by an average of 4% and 90% increased their scores in math by an average of 7%.



90%
INCREASED THEIR
SCORES IN MATH



81%
INCREASED THEIR
SCORES IN READING

79% INCREASED OR MAINTAINED THEIR
SCORES IN BOTH MATH AND READING

% OF CHILDREN AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL IN BOTH READING AND MATH

Beginning of Program



25%

End of Program



44%

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Summer Learning Academies are totally free to students, but it costs the Y approximately \$750 per student for the summer. Your donation would help cover the cost of program supplies, curriculum, teacher salaries, and field trips and would ensure that more students have access to this unique and powerful program.

\$150

Provides a child with
1 week of SLA

\$750

Provides a child with
all 5 weeks of SLA

\$1,500

Provides 2 children
all 5 weeks of SLA