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.

**Reading Test Scores**

- Students from low-income households with access to books: +24.15
- Students from high-income households with access to books: +15.51
- Students from low-income households without access to books: -9.77

**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). Countering the summer slide: Social capital resources within socioeconomically disadvantaged families. Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk, 17(3), 165.)

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