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The good news is that children who continue to read regularly over the summer are typically able to maintain their reading levels. Avid readers may even return to school having made gains!

What can you do?

Read something every day! Encourage your child to read a magazine article, a novel, an educational website, or even the comics. Reading should be fun and revolve around your child's interests. The goal is to raise a life-long reader!

Be a reading role model! Your child has learned so much from watching you! Be a reader, to help raise a reader. Read *to* your child and *with* your child. Remember the importance of talking about what you are reading. This conversation will improve comprehension skills.

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