



## WE STOPPED SUMMER SLIDE

The “Summer Slide” is the distinct learning loss that students can experience when out of school. “A regression in academic proficiency due to summer break, experts warn it is hindering kids’ progress when they head back to school.” (Scholastic)

“The concept of the summer slide has been on researchers’ radar since at least 1996, when one of the first comprehensive studies on the phenomenon was published. The study showed that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which tends to have a snowball effect as they experience subsequent skill loss each year. A more recent study of children in 3rd to 5th grades also showed that students lost, on average, about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent of their school-year gains in math during summer break.”

- Governor’s Early Literacy Foundation



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## CAMP STARS 2025 SUMMER IMPACT REPORT

This summer, we dove deep into friendship through arts, singing, recreation, tons of free play, STEM, faith, Healthy Habits and All About Literacy. We ate healthy breakfast, lunch and snack which kept us fueled for learning and playing.



## ABOUT LEER

**Reading helps us grow wide branches and deep roots.** LEER (leh-EHR, to read), a Children's Literacy Program for the Española Valley, aims to improve children's reading proficiency through access to books and helpers, vetted and trained caring adults (Reading Buddies) who read one-on-one with elementary students.

A student who cannot read on grade level by 3rd grade is four times less likely to graduate on time (American Education Research Association). Data from Española Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year shows that 75 percent of grade 3-6 students were not proficient in Language Arts, and 80 percent of students in grades K-6 were below proficiency in reading at the beginning of the school year.



## 28 READING BUDDIES

Laughed, sounded out words, got caught up in the book, wrote sight words, supported, encouraged, and BELIEVED IN CHILDREN!

# 100%

OF REGULARLY  
ATTENDING CHILDREN  
IMPROVED THEIR  
READING LEVEL

## OUR MISSION

is to instill a love of reading and improve the overall reading proficiency of the children served by 10 percent annually.



# 405

BOOKS READ DURING  
READING BUDDY TIME

# 204

HOURS OF READING  
TIME DONATED WITH  
THE KIDDOS