Springboard Programs
To fulfill Springboard’s mission, we have developed a suite of programmatic offerings designed to help every child reach grade-level expectations by 4th grade. Our philosophy is to help school communities transform themselves from within by getting more from the people and assets they already have. This approach builds lasting internal capacity by developing teachers as instructors, parents as partners, Site Leaders as leaders, and children as readers.

Springboard Summer is an intensive, 5-week summer program that combines daily reading instruction for Level pre-reading through 3rd graders, weekly workshops training parents to teach reading at home, and an incentive structure that awards learning tools to families in proportion to student reading gains. This intervention targets students making fewer than 10 months of reading progress during the academic year; Springboard Summer replaces what is typically a 3-month reading regression with equivalent gains.

Springboard Afterschool trains teachers to effectively target instruction and coach families to accelerate struggling readers’ progress during the academic year. This after-school intervention spans the third quarter of the academic year and features a combination of teacher coaching, small-group instruction, family training workshops, and incentives. Springboard Afterschool, which is bundled together with Springboard Summer, targets students making fewer than 7 months of reading progress during the academic year.

Springboard Schoolyear trains K-3rd grade teachers to effectively engage their students’ families to accelerate progress during the academic year. The program is designed as a marking-period-long-module that fits into the structure of the academic year. This approach is unique in that it cultivates the collaboration between teachers and parents as an engine for school transformation. During the academic year, Springboard trains teachers to draw from families and leverage family engagement to maximize student reading gains.