

# springboardsummer

## What is Springboard Collaborative?

Springboard Collaborative is a nonprofit that closes the literacy gap by coaching teachers, training family members, and cultivating reading habits. Our programs put students on track to close the reading achievement gap by 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

## What is Springboard Summer?

Springboard Summer is an intensive 5-week summer program that combines daily reading instruction for Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## How does Springboard Summer benefit our school?

Springboard empowers school communities to realize their potential by building internal capacity in four ways:

- **We develop your children as readers** by replacing chronic summer learning losses with significant and lasting reading gains.
- **We develop your parents as teachers** by training and equipping family members to be effective reading coaches, enabling schools to capture educational value from the place kids spend 75% of their waking hours: home.
- **We develop your teachers as instructors** by leading professional development and a 5-week coaching cycle on data-driven instruction and family engagement.
- **We develop your leadership pipeline** by guiding Site Leaders through a management training program.

## How does programming work?

- **Home visits:** Before programming, teachers visit the homes of their 15 students to build parent buy-in and lay the foundation for a strong partnership.
- **Instruction:** Teachers use Springboard curricula to conduct daily, half-day literacy instruction with students grouped by reading level rather than age.
- **Family workshops:** Teachers lead weekly workshops that train parents to select on-level books and ask questions before, during, and after reading.
- **Coaching:** Site Leaders, hired from within each school, conduct a 5-week teacher coaching cycle while participating in a leadership development program.
- **Learning Bonuses:** Springboard distributes educational incentives—including books and tablets—during a capstone celebration.

## What outcomes can we expect?

Last summer, 3,100+ scholars replaced what is typically a 3-month reading loss with a 3.2-month reading gain, doubling their annual reading progress. Pre-K participants tripled their reading-readiness. Parent training workshops consistently averaged 90%+ attendance. The Springboard experience helps teachers and families build habits that persist over the long term, as demonstrated by follow-up studies.

## How can we start a partnership?

A partnership begins with an agreement to serve 120 students in 8 classrooms at each site (minimum of 90 students in 6 classrooms). Schools select their own students and teachers, and Springboard manages implementation. This combines the capacity-building benefit of a do-it-yourself approach with the convenience and savings of an all-inclusive package.

*Learn more at [www.springboardcollaborative.org](http://www.springboardcollaborative.org)*

