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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 4th grade.

What is Springboard Summer?

Springboard Summer is an intensive 5-week summer program that combines daily reading instruction for Pre-K 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.

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

