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What is Springboard Collaborative?

Springboard closes the literacy gap by bridging the gap between home and school. We coach teachers and family members to help their kids read on grade-level. Our offerings combine personalized instruction for Pre-K through 3rd graders, workshops training parents to teach reading at home, and professional development for teachers.

What is Springboard Summer?

Springboard Summer is an intensive 5-week summer program that combines daily reading instruction; weekly workshops training parents to teach reading at home; a rigorous coaching cycle for teachers; and an incentive structure that awards learning tools to families in proportion to student reading gains.

How does Springboard Summer benefit our school?

Springboard builds lasting internal capacity in four ways:

- **We develop your children as readers** by replacing chronic summer learning losses with significant and sustained reading gains.
- **We develop your parents as teachers** by training and equipping family members to be effective reading coaches, delivering one-on-one literacy support at home (where children spend 75% of their waking hours).
- **We develop your teachers as instructors** through training, Professional Learning Communities, and coaching on data-driven instruction and family engagement.
- **We develop your leadership pipeline** by guiding teacher-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 Collaborative 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 leadership development sessions.
- **Learning bonuses:** Springboard distributes educational incentives—including books, backpacks, and tablets—during a capstone celebration.

What outcomes can we expect?

Last summer, 5,200+ 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 average 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; Springboard Collaborative 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

