



SUMMER STARS

HELPING KIDS REACH NEW HEIGHTS

Summer STARS ensures that every child in the Sacramento region at risk of falling behind stays on track for the next school year.

Summer STARS provides access to healthy meals and fun learning opportunities at 20 neighborhood locations throughout the Sacramento region starting in June through August.

- Creates a fun and safe summer spot for kids and families in their neighborhood.
- Provides kids with free healthy meals throughout the summer.
- Offers free early literacy curriculum and fitness activities designed for Kindergarten through 6th Graders.
- Tracks program impacts with reading assessments at the start and end of the summer.

LEARN MORE

[YourLocalUnitedWay.org/
SummerSTARS](https://YourLocalUnitedWay.org/SummerSTARS)



United Way
California Capital Region

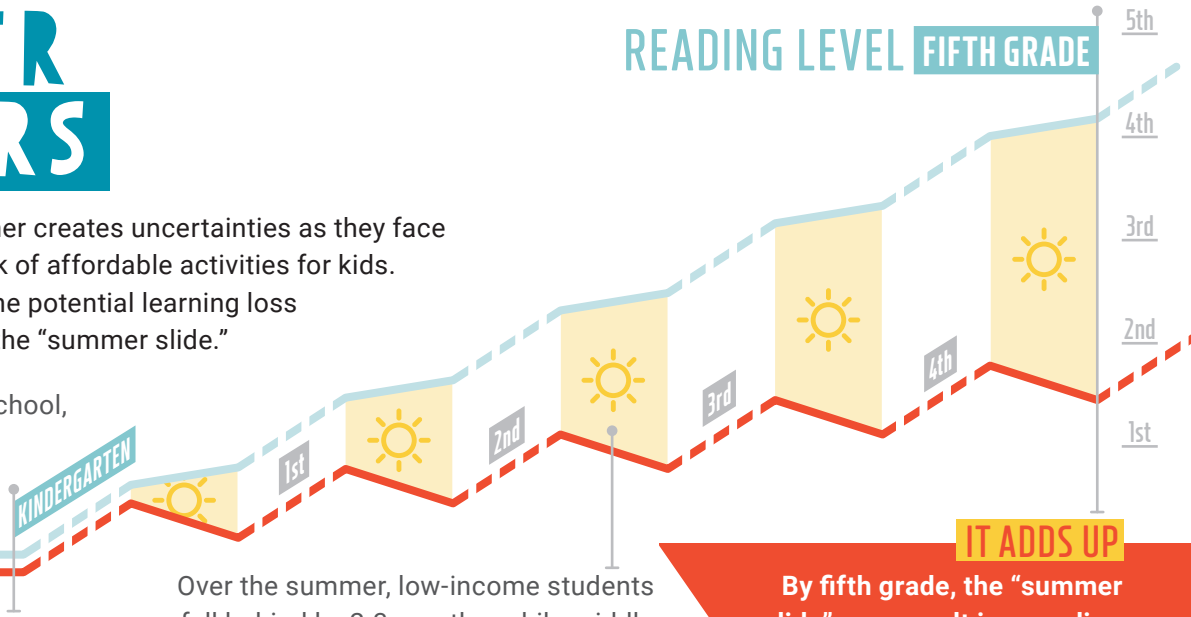
SUMMER MATTERS

For many families, summer creates uncertainties as they face food instability and a lack of affordable activities for kids. This is compounded by the potential learning loss over the summer, called the “summer slide.”

When kids first start at school, everyone reads at the same level.

MIDDLE CLASS STUDENT

LOW-INCOME STUDENT



Over the summer, low-income students can fall behind by 2-3 months, while middle class students tend to advance by 1 month.

IT ADDS UP

By fifth grade, the “summer slide” may result in a reading level gap of 3 years.

SQUARE ONE PROJECT

Ending poverty starts in school.

1 IN 4 CHILDREN IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY LIVE IN POVERTY

United Way is working to change that. We know that kids in our area who graduate from college are 62% less likely to live in poverty than those who drop out of high school.

Summer STARS is a critical facet of the **Square One Project**, our 20-year promise to the community to increase the number of local students who graduate from high school prepared for success in college or career.



Help us keep kids on track for the next school year and ready to achieve with

SUMMER STARS!

CONTACT

Steve McLaughlin

Sr. Director, Individual & Leadership Giving
 Steve.McLaughlin@uwccr.org
 (916) 856-3931

Stacy Wolfenberger

Director, Resource Development
 Stacy.Wolfenberger@uwccr.org
 (916) 856-3994