



Welcome to Tristar Reads

We know how important it is to encourage children to read during the summer.

Studies have consistently shown that summer reading (and all independent reading) is critically important for student success and on-time progression through school. Students who do not read during the summer can quickly fall behind, losing crucial skills they need. Worse, research has also found summer learning loss to be cumulative, meaning losses often build each year when students do not reinforce their academic skills in the summer.

According to the National Summer Learning Association, the Summer Slide is “one of the most significant causes of the achievement gap between lower and higher income youth, and one of the strongest contributors to the high school drop out rate.”

It is time to stop the Summer Slide. We want more Tennessee students to discover and maintain joy for reading this summer.

We need your help to stop summer learning loss in the Volunteer State by encouraging students to participate in Tristar Reads, a summer reading program for students entering Kindergarten-12th Grade.

Students track the hours they spend reading, and at the end of the summer, Tristar Reads will award four \$1,000 scholarships to students who have read the most.

Students will register for the program with their parent or caregiver at www.tristarreads.com, and can track their summer reading through reading logs found on the site. For more information, including full rules and qualifications for participation, visit www.tristarreads.com. We hope you will share this information with all students in your life and encourage them to sign up and start reading!