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While we all start to soak in summer and the warm weather, sunshine, and long days it brings, many of you are also starting your summer learning programs. Summer learning programs can have great benefits for students who may need additional time to fill in gaps in their learning or to deepen their understanding of previously learned content. Research has shown that summer learning programs can have positive, but sometimes modest, effects on student achievement, with some studies finding that students attending summer programs can make 20-25% of their typical annual math and reading gains during these programs. Through their research on programs that demonstrate success in increasing academic achievement and promoting positive youth development, the National Center for Summer Learning identified nine characteristics of effective summer learning programs.

The first three characteristics focus on the approach to learning, noting that the most effective programs focus on developing the whole child—intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally—not just on academic outcomes. The last six characteristics focus on the program infrastructure, including strong leadership, careful planning, extensive staff development for teachers and other staff, strategic partnerships, evaluation for the purpose of continuous improvement, and a focus on sustainability.

This month, we provide a few resources that might be helpful to your summer learning programming. Additionally, we invite you to enjoy a brief [blog post](#) about our work with schools in Mississippi using the CEEDAR Center's High-Leverage Practices for Students with Disabilities.

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New From R7CC

NEW BLOG – [High-Leverage Practices for Students with Disabilities: A Closer Look at Explicit Instruction](#)

Resources for Summer Learning

[National Summer Learning Association – Knowledge Center](#)

[REL Midwest – Resource roundup: Supports for summer learning](#)

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