

SUMMER SUCCESS



HELPING KIDS BE ALL THAT THEY CAN BE

United Way's Summer Success literacy camps have helped over 500 students to date!

Summer Success is a United Way initiative that takes an upstream approach in helping vulnerable children move towards grade level reading by tackling their summer learning loss.



ISSUE

For many children, summer learning loss, also called summer slide, is the main reason they fall behind and are not able to reach their expected reading levels on time.

Summer slide is a well-known effect of summer break. It reverses some of the progress students have made over the school year and creates even more challenges for vulnerable children already behind in their reading.

Research tells us that children who do not reach their grade level reading by grade three are four times more likely to drop out of high school.

ACTION

United Way of Saskatoon and Area knows that grade level reading is a key success factor in a child's development and journey into adulthood.

Summer Success camps deliver a two-week program focused on targeted literacy strategies to help students in grades 1 to 4 maintain or improve their grade level reading during the summer months.

Summer Success also helps tackle food insecurity. The Saskatoon and District Labour Council's (SDLC) Summer Snack Program provided 1,150 nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks for each student. CHEP also distributed over 180 Good Food Box vouchers for participating students and their families.

RESULTS

In 2022, in partnership with the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, United Way hosted six Summer Success Literacy Camps with 114 registered students, 13 teachers, and 30 volunteers.

- 95% of children, whose attendance was 80% or greater, maintained or increased their reading levels.
- The average total attendance was 76%.
- 90 backpacks full of quality school supplies were distributed to students.
- 1,000 take home books were distributed to camp participants.
- Each Summer Success camp participated in two excursions or activities at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo, a City of Saskatoon spray park, Fairhaven Bowling, or Nutrien Wonderhub.
- Volunteers provided 124 hours of literacy support as Volunteer Readers during Summer Success this year.
- 93% of survey respondents shared that their child enjoyed participating in Summer Success. Children's favourite activities were the various excursions, reading, and craft time.

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