

# FOCUS ON

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES

## SUMMER SLIDE



**98%**  
AGREE

Reading books over the summer will help my child during the school year

**95%**  
AGREE



**AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES**

**NON-AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES**

**46%**

Families that have heard of the term "summer slide"

**48%**

African-American families are equally likely to say summer reading will benefit their children during the school year as well as be aware of the summer slide



## SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON THE SUMMER SLIDE

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES**

**NON-AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES**

**78%**

Child's teacher or school

**62%**

Among those who have heard of the summer slide, African-American families are much more likely to have heard of this from their child's teacher or school



*In this analysis, African-American families are compared with non-African-American families and unless otherwise specified, all differences that are highlighted between the groups are statistically significant at the 90% confidence level or higher. See Appendix C for sample sizes.*