









# Worried About Students Losing Skills? This Adaptive Blended Learning Program Can Help

With options for PreK-5 and grades 6-12!







Table 3

## Variation in Amount of Independent Reading

%	Independent Reading Minutes Per Day	Words Read Per Year
98	65.0	4,358,000
90	21.1	1,823,000
80	14.2	1,146,000
70	9.6	622,000
60	6.5	432,000
50	4.6	282,000
40	3.2	200,000
30	1.3	106,000
20	0.7	21,000
10	0.1	8,000
2	0.0	0

Adapted from Anderson, Wilson, and Fielding (1988).







## Branching Out





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## Is Learning “Lost” When Kids Are Out of School?

By Alfie Kohn

Anguish and even anger are entirely appropriate reactions to the fact that Covid-19 infection rates are still too high in most areas to permit the safe reopening of schools. Not only do many of our kids miss their friends and the chance to make new ones, but school attendance is a prerequisite for millions of parents to go to work. Also, schools provide healthy meals, which matters in a country with appalling levels of poverty and hunger.

The lockdown is bad enough. Must we also deal with the fear that children who aren't going to school are destined to fall behind academically?

Not necessarily. The research that fuels dire warnings, which largely extrapolates from claims about “summer learning loss” (SLL), is much less persuasive than most people realize. For example, Paul T. von Hippel at the University of Texas at Austin **looked carefully** last year at a foundational study on SLL in low-income students and discovered he was unable to replicate its findings, partly because of problems with its methodology, such as a failure to adjust for the difficulty level of the questions.



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### Too Much Focus on ‘Learning Loss’ Will Be a Historic Mistake

Learning loss is real and needs to be addressed, but how we go about it should be commensurate with the size of the moment.



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## Our Kids Are Not Broken

I am concerned about how this growing narrative of loss will affect our students, emotionally and academically.

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