

Six Signs of a Great Summer Learning Program

Broadens youth horizons Exposes them to new adventures,

skills and ideas. (ex. a nature walk, new compuzter program, museum visit or live performance).

Includes a wide variety of fun and engaging activities

(ex. reading, writing, math, science, arts an public service projects)

¹ Cooper, 2006

- ² Alexander, Entwistle 1992 & 1994
- ⁴ Alexander, 1992
 ⁴ Perry, Getting a Head Start on the Common Co.
- Partnership for Children & Youth, 2013
- Newnouse, Summer Matters

NSLA/Walmart Study, Summer's Influence On Teaching and Learning All Year, Annual Report

Helps youth build mastery

Improves doing something they enjoy and care about. (ex. creating a neighborhood garden, writing a healthy snacks cookbook or operating a robot)

Promotes healthy habits

Provides nutritious food, physical recreation and outdoor activities.



Fosters cooperative learning Work with their friends on team projects and group activities.

(ex. a neighborhood clean-up, group presentation or canned food drive).

Lasts at least one month Gives youth enough time to benefit from their summer learning experiences.

Go to **www.summermatters2you.net** for more information on summer learning.