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# Surefire ways to improve your child's academic skills during summer break

## An Education To Excellence

It's summer time! If you're the parent of a preadolescent or teenager, your biggest concern is occupying your child with something productive during these months to avoid them lounging on the couch or vegetating in front of a mobile device.

## We have the perfect solution!

School breaks don't have to be a break from your child's learning, especially during these crucial formative years when they are more responsive to new information and unfamiliar situations. Our one-on-one Direct Instruction Tutoring classes allow them to develop their reading, writing and cognitive skills, explore long-term skill development pathways, test their new-found abilities and thrive in an imaginative learning environment. Most children emerge from these personalized classes with the core values of diligence and responsibility fostered within them. These newly acquired skills prove to be a strong carryover into their regular schooling.

It's safe to say that learning occurs on so many levels when your child attends a Direct Instruction Tutoring (DIT) class.

## One-On-One Interactions

DIT is often viewed as the single most effective, efficient and widely proven learning approach to bridging the achievement gap. Teachers adopt strategies to disaggregate and sequence complex topics to allow for the highest level of receptiveness and cognition. These lessons are imparted through tactics, backed by over 50 years of research, in the most optimal manner possible - one that ensures the student masters the skill before the lesson proceeds.

This heterogeneous approach eliminates the chances of poor retention and boosts self-confidence. Because each lesson is delivered from a one-on-one aspect, your child will enjoy the teacher's undivided attention. This means that the teacher will be able to completely focus on identifying skill gaps, change the curriculum to address the areas in which your child is lagging, provide immediate corrective feedback and keep a close eye on the overall learning

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retention. The long and short of it is that your child isn't distracted by the trappings of a group learning session. Instead, he/she receives the opportunity to develop their academic skill set independently and without being influenced by the academic strengths and setbacks of their peers.

## **Evidence-Based Curriculum**

DIT focuses on sequential learning - lessons that are constantly reinforced until your child has completely internalized the concepts. This is a phenomenon that researchers have dubbed automaticity. With such a proactive learning-centric approach, students are then able to take this acquired knowledge and apply it in unfamiliar and untaught situations. The most important focal point of the DIT method is that each sequence is widely field tested to maximize their efficacy.

The curriculum builds up gradually from simpler concepts to more complex ones. For instance, the first lesson will allude to basic phonemic awareness, followed by advanced phonics and decoding exercises, followed by analysis of the content. The teacher is intent on constantly honing and curating each lesson plan to make it even more efficient with each passing student. This affords an end result of absolute receptiveness even for disadvantaged students.

## **Personalized Pacing to Match the Student's Learning Capacity**

It is evident here that each DIT lesson builds upon the skills imparted in previous classes. This allows teachers to accelerate the learning curve that much faster. Because every student has very different learning faculties, the teacher is able to alter presentations and lessons and follow that up with guided practice exercises and assessments to gauge individual student proficiencies. Studies have proven that once a student has attained automaticity, they can transfer knowledge from short-term to long-term memory. This allows them to then move on to higher-order skills.

## **Diverse Programs**

DIT is a multidisciplinary approach, honing your child's skills in various avenues of learning. This prepares them for all-round academic success and imparts valuable real-world experience - a powerful assist when they leave their schooling behind them. A majority of the success of the DIT method can be attributed to the diverse range of programs that teachers incorporate into the curriculum. Reading, decoding, comprehension, spelling mastery, reasoning and writing, language and math concepts are integrated into the lesson plan to ensure that your child receives a versatile education. This helps them zero in on their strengths and weaknesses that much quicker, enabling the teacher to effectively tutor them in those areas where they need it

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the most.

## **Breaks Down Communication Barriers**

Group learning environments often hinder one-on-one interactions, especially when students feel shy or unconfident about voicing their opinions in front of their peers. This is perhaps a major perk of one-on-one education. The student is allowed to express their creativity and concerns quite freely - in a judgment-free environment. As they become comfortable speaking up in front of their teacher, they can then gradually ease their way into group settings. This in turn positively informs the way they conduct themselves moving forward - not only at school but also in life. They become more willing to take risks and less afraid of the unexpected. Children are allowed to flourish without restriction. What propels their ingenuity is the feeling of having their sense of individuality protected and understanding how that plays a very vital role in the bigger picture. DIT doesn't just create temporary achievers but future leaders.

## **Frequent Assessments**

This is a vital portion and is built into the DIT curriculum. At regular intervals in the course load, your child will undergo individual assessments to gauge their retention levels, responsiveness to the program, their progress to reaching mastery and whether or not they might need extra help or a refresher to reinforce certain lessons. Using this information, the teachers knows how best to proceed so that your child can get the most out of their academic experience. Because the focus here is on one-on-one interactions, your child will be able to access tailored assessments depending on what the teachers deems will put their abilities to the test and emerge more confident about what they have learned during the program.

## **Regular Progress Monitoring**

Nothing is more essential to the success of this equation than you being kept in the loop about your child's progress throughout the program. To this end, rest assured that you will have access to periodic progress reports that are prepared by the teacher. Not only will this provide an insight into the course work but also into the internal checks and mastery tests that have been conducted and how your child performed. This paves the way for a healthy parent-teacher dialogue and also affords the opportunity to assess whether or not the program itself is effective and how it can be improved upon moving forward.

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