

Obama Call for Extended School Year 'Impossible'

MULTIPLE CHOICE LEARNING ACTIVITY

1. President Obama notes that American students go to school less than other children in advanced countries. How much less time do American kids spend in school?
 - a. two weeks.
 - b. two months.
 - c. one month.
 - d. six weeks.
2. Many agree that a longer school years might be beneficial but wonder
 - a. if kids can handle the stress.
 - b. how the added cost will be paid for.
 - c. if scores on exams will really go up.
 - d. if parents would agree to losing vacation time.
3. President Obama mentions the “education deficit” and is referring to the difference in
 - a. time American students spend in school when compared with other countries.
 - b. scores American students receive on standardized tests.
 - c. the level of achieve between American kids and those from other advanced countries.
 - d. all of the above.
4. Some education experts feel that extending the school year and day might not work because
 - a. it has never been tried in America.
 - b. the cost is too great.
 - c. the research does not show increased student achievement.
 - d. independent play time is critical to successful mental development.
5. Some experts feel that the value of summer vacation is
 - a. overlooked, for it foster independence and confidence in children.
 - b. outdated and not as useful a way to spend the summer months.
 - c. not calculated correctly, for the entire tourist industry would be negatively affected.
 - d. forgotten as an American tradition and essential to our national identity.
6. Proponents of extending the school year note that by having more time, schools can
 - a. offer more rich and imaginative lessons.
 - b. concentrate on music and the arts.
 - c. provide more constructive playtime and sports.
 - d. all of the above.