

## Summer Slide Prevention

With the beginning of the summer break for students, I would like to draw your attention to the term “summer slide”. Summer Slide is a loss of learning that can take place during the summer months if students don’t engage in summer educational activities. It is not uncommon for us to see students enter school in August who have lost a half of year or more in their reading levels. The best thing to prevent the student summer slide is to read, read, and read, which can be accomplished by partnering with the local public library. When students choose reading material for the summer, it should be aligned with their reading level to assure the books are not too hard or not too easy. If students struggle with more than five words on a page, the book may be too difficult, which can lead to frustration and student disconnect from the story and plot. If possible, schedule a set time each day for students to read 20 minutes per day. Students who are in grades 1-3 should still read out loud to an adult to help ensure the correct pronunciation and word usage. A great parent resource for summer reading is Governor Herbert’s “Read with the Bees” program where students can earn free tickets to a Salt Lake Bees baseball game and can be found at <https://governorblog.utah.gov/2017/07/governors-summer-reading-program-read-with-the-bees/>

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