

Summer Slide

The term “summer slide” refers to the tendency of students to lose their academic level gains over the summer vacation and can typically result in students entering school in the fall substantially behind. This decrease in specifically reading, occurs when students don’t practice the reading skills over the summer and fall behind when school starts in August. To address the summer slide, there are many programs available for students such as the First Utah Summer Reading Program where students can earn [free Bee’s tickets](#). A few tips to help improve students’ interest in reading this summer are as follows: first, allow students to choose the right book. Students are 97% more likely to finish reading a book they have chosen themselves. When students read a book, they should not miss more than five words on a page and if they do, the text is too difficult for them. Second, set a time and goal with your students. Typically, if students can read 20 min per day it can help to prevent the effects of the summer slide. Third, go to the library often to check out new books and read every day with your student. To provide additional access to reading materials, the district offers free access to thousands of books through the [SEDC overdrive](#) program. Students also have access to [myOn](#) where students can select from thousands of books on their individual level and based on the students personal interest. The Kanab Elementary School library is open on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00. If students would like to continue to work on the math skills they can access [ALEKS](#), [Reflex math](#), and Successmaker throughout the summer. If you need help accessing any of these programs, you can email your building administrators for assistance. Together we can prevent the summer slide and assure students enter school in the fall on grade level.

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