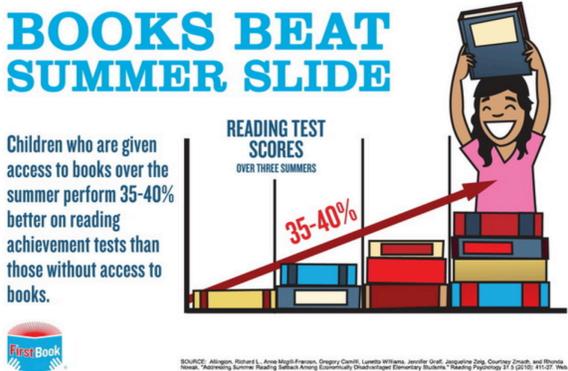


Families,

Did you know over the summer, many students experience the “summer slide” which is a term used to describe what happens when young minds sit idle over the summer months. **Children who do not read over the summer will lose more than two months of reading achievement.**



BOOKS BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35-40% better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books.

READING TEST SCORES OVER THREE SUMMERS

35-40%

SOURCE: Allington, Richard L., Anne-Margaret Pearson, Gregory Camilli, Lynette Williams, Jennifer Graf, Jacqueline Ding, Courtney Zumpf, and Roberto Hoxby. "Increasing Summer Reading Habits Among Economically Disadvantaged Elementary Students." *Reading Improvement* 21.2 (2010): 101-27. Web.

Reading as few as 5 Books During the Summer Can Help Prevent the Summer Reading Lose!

What are some ways we can motivate our students to read, especially during summer time?

1. **Set Reading Goals.** Have students track their progress and keep a list of books and time spent reading.
2. Students need to read books on their reading level and interests. Provide them with all types of text; graphic novels, chapter books, news articles, audiobooks and digital text.
3. **Make Reading Fun!** Make it an adventure. Help them join a book club or start your own. Have them pick a book and share with you. Look to your community for free learning opportunities. You can reach out to your local libraries, community centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, churches and youth programs.
4. **Celebrate Reading!** When they achieve reading, goals take them on a trip to the local museum or zoo. Give them opportunities to engage in text. Think of great places to visit as a family or fun activity.
5. **Access to Books.** Most of all give them access to books. Make trips to the library, or community centers where they have access to internet. Set up a reading area in your home.
6. **Let them read on myON!**

Did you know that your child has access to myON? myON is a personalized collection of more than 6,000 digital books. This means your child can read over the summer on computers, laptops, and other devices anytime, anywhere while on the go?

myON is a web-based personalized literacy platform, where students can read, write, and learn in their own account with recommended titles and activities based on their abilities. With myON and an offline reading app, students will be able to read even when they aren't connected to the internet.

For more information about your student's account information please contact their school.

For more information on using myON at home or accessing offline, visit

<https://support.myon.com/resources-tutorials/overview>