

# Help Your Child Avoid the “Summer Slide” in Reading



**What is the summer slide?** To students with vacation on the brain, it may sound like an attraction at the playground. In reality, it’s far less cheerful.

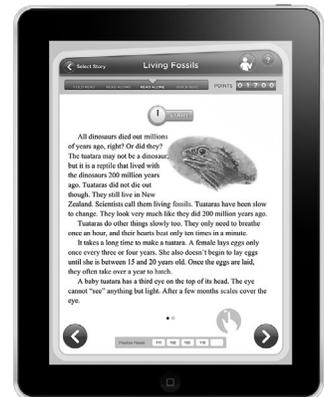
The summer slide is **what happens when students don’t read over the summer**. Often these students begin the next school year reading at a lower level than they achieved the year before. Not only is this discouraging, but it results in lost time in their education.

Thankfully, **the summer slide is not inevitable**. We’ve worked with your child to make great progress in reading this year, and you can keep that momentum going. This summer, make a commitment to help your child climb up instead of slide down.

To accelerate reading achievement, **your child needs a system that makes him or her want to read**. One Minute Reader ([www.oneminutereader.com](http://www.oneminutereader.com)) is the home version of Read Naturally, a system that has worked well for your child in school. One Minute Reader is available in **book/CD format** and as an **iPad app**. There is a free version of the iPad app that allows you to try the full system, but with a limited selection of content.

The One Minute Reader system was **designed to build reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension**. Students work independently through a series of simple steps as they read highly engaging, appropriately leveled content. Frequent feedback encourages students to “beat their scores,” which keeps them motivated.

I encourage you to visit [www.oneminutereader.com](http://www.oneminutereader.com) to download the iPad app or find books/CDs at the right level for your child. By taking this simple step, you will ensure that the only “slide” your child experiences this summer really is the one at the playground.



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