



## Footsteps2Brilliance™, Inc. Review

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Once upon a time there was a little boy named John who loved books so much that he couldn't go to sleep at night without having one (or more) in bed with him. While most children have a favorite toy or blanket, he had his books.

Kindergarten was great for John on so many levels. He had great friends and great teachers and great lunches....but not such a great time with the books that were once seen as such great treasures. Because of his ASD and ADHD he found it difficult to stay focused during the reading times and couldn't retain what was read long enough to be able to answer questions about the material immediately afterwards. He ended the school year in the lowest reading group.



At the recommendation of a family friend, we got Footsteps2Brilliance™, Inc. for the iPad and his ipod Touch. John started using the program at the beginning of summer and almost immediately began feeling more confident in his reading ability. He was able to go at his own pace with fun stories that all have additional games and activities. When he got stuck on a word he didn't need to feel like he was being a burden by asking for help -- he just needed to click on the word and the app would help him. He was even able to write and illustrate his own stories with the application's Create- A- Book.



John also became more and more engaged with the material itself and he was paying more attention because he knew that it would help him with the Book Buddies and Games at the end. One time he tried to do a game before the book and then stopped and went back because he needed the information from the book. Even the fact that he was able to process that without being told was an amazingly huge step!

John has often referred to as "Constant Motion Boy" because it can be so difficult to get him to slow down and just be. The iPad and the iPod Touch are grounding for him. An awful lot of people look down on kids being so attached to their electronics but for John (and his parents) it's been a sanity saver. It's heartbreaking to see your child feel that there's something "off" with themselves.

John had said several times over the course of Summer School that he wished his "brain worked right" so he wasn't "so goofy." When he sits down with Footsteps2Brilliance™, Inc. and gets told repeatedly that he's done a good job when he answers a question correctly it helps him to see that his brain works just fine - goofiness and all.

John started using the application at the same time that he started Summer School. His reading assessment score over that seven week period increased almost 20% -- an increase we give thanks to Footsteps2Brilliance™, Inc. for.

Summer School Site:	Dr. King	Teacher:	D
Grade:	K-1	Number of child at	
Reading Assessment:	48/60	Pre-Test	57/60
Key:			
	4 - Demonstrates consistently		
	3 - Practicing		

And you know it's something he must love when he asks for a meal based on the mascot Sherlock Mouse!