



Free Interactive Sites for Kids

The following sites are free, kid-friendly resources that offer games, animation and activities that will help make reading fun and exciting for your child:

- ⇒ wvde.statc.wv.us/learn21/
- ⇒ starfall.com
- ⇒ sheppardsoftware.com/preschool/preschool.htm
- ⇒ fisher-price.com/en_US/gamesandactivities/onlinegames/index.html
- ⇒ pbskids.org
- ⇒ education.com/games/preschool/
- ⇒ funbrain.com
- ⇒ brainpopjr.com
- ⇒ storylineonline.net
- ⇒ progressivephonics.com
- ⇒ Seussville.com
- ⇒ nickjr.com/games/
- ⇒ readinga-z.com
- ⇒ readwritethink.org

Essential Tips for Developing a Reader

- Read aloud together with your child daily.
- Snuggle when you read.
- Set a regular reading time for each day and stick to it (example - make reading part of your child's bedtime routine).
- Read and reread stories requested by your child. Repetition develops sight word recognition, decoding and fluency skills.
- Read a variety of texts such as poems, children's magazines, comic books, menus, street signs, etc.
- Enjoy and talk about the illustrations.
- Be patient while your child is reading aloud. Provide positive praise often.
- Check out the public library. Sign your child up for a library card!
- Surround your child with reading material (examples - have books in cars, bathrooms, bedrooms, beside TV, etc.). Books should also be where your child can see and reach them.



How to Improve Reading Skills

(as your child gets older)

- When you read, involve your child by having him/her point out objects in the pictures and follow the words with his/her finger.
- Leave out a word or phrase on each page. (example - Little Red Riding Hood said, "Oh, what big sharp ____ you have, Grandma!")
- Make predictions about the text.
- Activate prior knowledge, make personal connections, and ask questions about the text.
- Talk about the authors and illustrators of the books you read.
- Echo Read - choose something to read, such as a poem, song or joke. Read a sentence with expression and ask your child to repeat the phrase after you.
- Alternate reading - you read a page, your child reads a page, etc.
- Discuss similarities and differences between stories.
- Have your child think of a new ending to the story.



Campaign for Grade Level Reading Initiative

Mission:

To close the reading achievement gap by third grade through unified efforts of schools, families, and community organizations

Goals and Action Steps:

📖 Develop School Readiness

- Keep children healthy
- Read and talk to your children regularly

📖 Increase Attendance

- Ensure your child is in school, on time, every day
- Plan appointments before or after the regular school day

**Chronic absence is a leading early warning indicator of academic trouble and later dropout.*

📖 Reduce Summer Learning Loss

- Encourage your child to read over the summer

**Two books per week can help prevent summer reading loss.*

“Parents are the first teachers and the most important advocates for their children.”

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Berkeley County..... (304)267-3510

Grant County (304)257-1011

Hampshire County.....(304)822-3528

Hardy County(304)643-2991

Jefferson County.....(304)725-9741

Mineral County(304)788-4200

Morgan County..... (304)258-2430

Pendleton County..... (304)358-2207

WV Dept. of Ed..... (304)558-9994

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Family Literacy Resources

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

-Emilie Buckwald

