

PreK-2 Student Web Sites

Alpha-kidz

<http://alphakidz.com/>

Read-long books and learning games

GameGoo

<http://www.earobics.com/gamegoo/>

Learning games for early readers

Louisiana.gov – Kids page

http://www.louisiana.gov/Explore/Kids_Page/

State information, games and fun activities

Mascota StoryPlace

<http://www.storyplace.org/sr/preschool/preschool.asp?themelid=13>

Read-along stories in Spanish

RIF Reading Planet

<http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/bookzone/>

Read-along stories and songs and Game Station

Starfall <http://www.starfall.com/>

A great web site for beginning and young readers!

Check your local public library web site for access to the Tumblebooks web site.



PreK-2 Parent Resource Websites

U. S. Department of Education

www.ed.gov/parents

Resources and guides are provided to help promote children's reading success.

PBS Parents

<http://pbs.org/parents>

Education: Reading and Language - Learn how children become readers and writers and how YOU can help them.

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<http://www.familylit.org>

Family Literacy & You: Tips for Parents

All Kinds of Minds

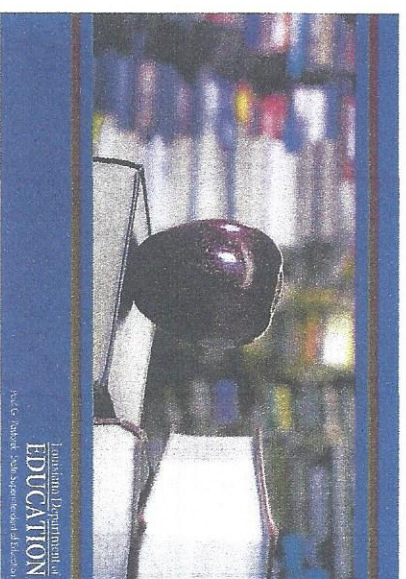
www.allkindsofminds.org

Parent Toolkit: Millions of children struggle in school daily because of differences in learning.

Reading is Fundamental

<http://www.rif.org/parents>

Booklists, tips, and more! Plenty of ways to get you and your children back into the school groove.



Summer Reading Pre-K to 2

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Tips for PreK - 2 Parents

Read with and to your child and talk to them about what they are reading.

Talk about the pictures in the story.

Encourage your child to read for a specified period of time every day.

Before getting to the end of a story, ask your child what he/she thinks will happen next and why.

Ask your child to tell you in his/her own words what happened in the story.

Make a game out of reading by taking turns with your child reading parts of the story.

Read to your child from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.

Encourage your child to re-read books, poems, nursery rhymes, and fairy tales.

Let your child see you read every day.

Limit the amount of time your child spends watching television and playing video games.

PreK-2 Booklist

- A Boy, A Dog, and A Frog or other titles by Mercer Mayer
 Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very
 Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
 Angelina Ballerina by Katharine Holabird
 Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing
 by Judi Barrett
 Armadillo Rodeo by Jan Brett
 Arthur and D.W. titles by Marc Brown
 Austin Alligator - I'll See You Guys Later and other titles
 by Cindy Foust
 Baby Says by John Steptoe
 Bad Day by Judith Vorst
 Bright Eyes, Brown Skin by Cheryl Hudson
 Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
 by Bill Martin
 Cam Jansen series by David Adler
 Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkin
 Carl Goes Shopping by Alexandra Day
 Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
 Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by John Archambault
 Color Zoo and other titles by Lois Ehlert
 Corduroy by Don Freeman
 Curious George series by H. E. Ray
 Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems
 Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
 Eating Fractions by Bruce McMillan
 Epossumondas and other titles by Coleen Salley
 Five Little Monkeys with Nothing To Do
 by Eileen Christelow
 Foot Book and other titles by Dr. Seuss
 Freight Train and other titles by Donald Crews
 Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel
 Go, Dog, Go by P. D. Eastman
 Good Boy, Fergus! and No David! by David Shannon
 Goodnight, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
 Goodnight, Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
 Grandma's Gumbo by Deborah Ousley Kadair
 Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
 Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
 If You Give A Mouse A Cookie and other titles
 by Laura Joffe Numeroff
 Jamal's Busy Day by Wade Hudson
 Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear
 by Nancy White Carlstrom
 Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park
 Louisiana Alphabet by Laurie Parker
- Lily's Purple Plastic Purse and other titles
 by Kevin Henkes
 Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
 Marvin Redpost series by Louis Sachar
 Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag
 Miranda and Brother Wind by Patricia McKissack
 Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of
 Kindergarten by Joseph Slate
 Miss Nelson books by James Allard
 Miss Spider series by David Kirk
 Mr. Putter and Tabby by Cynthia Rylant
 Written by Jan Brett
 Moon Bear series by Frank Asch
 More, More, More, Said the Baby: Three Love
 Stories by Vera Williams
 Mouse Count and Mouse Paint by Ellen Walsh
 My Family: Mi familia series by Pat Mora
 Napping House by Audrey Wood
 Nate the Great series by Marjorie W. Sharmat
 Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
 Olivia series by Greg Falconer
 Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
 P is for Pelican by Anita Prieto
 Patrick's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats
 Pet Show! or Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
 Shy Charles by Rosemary Wells
 Swimmy by Leo Lionni
 Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
 Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
 Ten Apples Up On Top by Theo Lesieg
 Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang
 Ten Red Apples by Pat Hutchins
 Three Little Cajun Pigs by Mike Arrell
 Three Billy Goats Gruff by Janet Stevens
 Today is Monday in Louisiana
 by Jonnette Downing
 Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto
 Tub People by Pam Conrad
 Very Hungry Caterpillar and other titles
 by Eric Carle
 Welcome Precious by Nikki Brines
 We're Going On A Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
 Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
 Whose Mouse Are You? by Robert Kraus



Sideways Stories from Wayside School

- by Louis Sachar
- Spider and the Fly by Mary Howitt
- Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
- Talking Eggs by Robert San Souci
- Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka
- True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
- Up the Learning Tree by Marcia Vaughn
- Verdi by Janell Cannon
- Watsons Go To Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Westlandia by Paul Fleischman
- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- Wilma Unlimited by Kathleen Krull
- Witch's Buttons by Ruth Chew

Grades 3-5 Student Web Sites

BookPop

<http://www.bookpop.com/>

Read-along stories written by Stephen Cosgrove

Fun Kidz Links

<http://superkidz.com/kidlinks.html>

Links to web sites about popular authors and books

MobyPincher's Place

<http://mobypincher.com>

Site for the Moby Pincher's book series about Louisiana

Sidekicks

<http://www.norfloridanothngts.com/sidekicks/>

A website reviewing graphic novels for kids

Weekly Reader for Kids

<http://www.weeklyreader.com/kids/index.asp>

Fun news articles, games and contests

Word Central

<http://www.wordcentral.com/>

Word power fun includes Robo-Bee, BIGbot, and Build Your Own Dictionary

Yak's Corner

http://www.freeip.com/apps/p/pcs_dll/section?Cat@GON=YAK

News for kids

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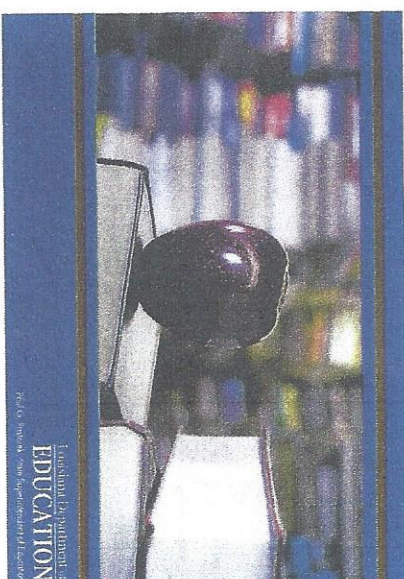
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Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers

<http://www.readinarockets.org>

Strategies to help kids who struggle! Learn how to smooth the way for kids with learning difficulties.



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Tips for Grades 3-5 Parents

- Have books, magazines, comics and newspapers available for your child to read.
- Encourage your child to read for a specified period of time every day.
- Ask your child to tell you in his/her own words what happened in the story.
- Encourage your child to role play favorite stories or write in a journal about characters in the stories
- Allow your child to choose books that interest him/her.
- Let your child see you read every day.
- Limit the amount of time your child spends watching television and playing video games.
- Create a quiet place, free from distractions, where your child may read.
- Encourage older children to read to younger brothers and sisters.

Grades 3-5 Booklist

- Alligator Sue by Sharon Arms Doucet
- Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon by Paula Danziger
- Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish
- Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Boxcar Children mystery series by Gertrude Warner
- Boy and the Ghost by Robert San Souci
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Bunnica series by James Howe
- Casey Back at Bat by Dan Gutman
- Challenge at Second Base by Matt Christopher
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
- Clovis Crawfish stories by Mary Alice Fontenot
- Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings by Douglas Florian
- Dear Mrs. LaRue by Mark Teague
- Dolley Madison Saves George Washington by Don Brown
- Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell
- Encyclopedia Brown mystery series by Donald Sobol
- Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School by Candace Fleming
- Felliciana Meets d'Loup Garou: A Cajun Tall Tale by Tynia Thomassie
- Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
- Frindle by Andrew Clements
- Gator Gumbo: A Spicy Hot Tale by Candace Fleming
- Hairy Hezekiah by Dick King-Smith
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling
- Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
- How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
- How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor
- Indian in the Cupboard and other titles by Lynne Reid Banks
- Jenny Giraffe and the Streetcar Party by Cecilia Casrill Darkez
- Jim Limber Davis: A Black Orphan in the Confederate White House by Rickey Pittman
- Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg
- Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World by Mildred Pitts Walter
- Landry News by Andrew Clements
- Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen
- Lemonade Club by Patricia Polacco
- Little House on the Prairie series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man by David Adler
- Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole
- Magic Tree House Mysteries by Mary Pope Osborne
- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
- Marley: A Dog Like No Other by John Grogan
- Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folkale by Carmen Agra Deedy
- Miss Hickory by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
- Moby Pincher books by Dee Scallan
- Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little by Peggy Gifford
- My Dog, My Hero by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers
- My Louisiana Sky by Kimberly Willis Holt
- My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
- New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky
- Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
- Olivia by Ian Falconer
- Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude by Kevin O'Malley
- Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
- Paul Bunyan and other titles by Steven Kellogg
- Petite Rouge: A Cajun Red Riding Hood by Mike Artell
- Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
- Precious and the Boo Hag by Patricia McKissack
- Ramona and other titles by Beverly Cleary
- Rotten Riche and the Ultimate Dare by Patricia Polacco
- Satchel Paige: Don't Look Back by David Adler
- Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

Tomorrow When the War Began series by John Marsden
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
Romance
Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts
Sports
Backfield Package by Thomas Dygard
High Heat by Carl Deuker
Suspense/Thriller
Dark Angel by David Klass
Full Tilt by Neil Shusterman
Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon by Stephen King
Great and Terrible Beauty by Libba Bray
Invisible by Pete Hautman

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Free Rice

<http://www.freeice.com/index.php>
Give free rice to hungry people by playing a simple game that increases your knowledge.

No Flying No Tights

<http://www.noflyingnights.com/index2.html>
A website reviewing graphic novels for teens

Stephanie Meyer Website

<http://kisshealth.org/teen/index.jsp?tracking=THome>
The official website of Stephanie Meyer, author of the Twilight series

Teen Ink Magazine

<http://www.teenink.com/>
Magazine written by teens

TeensHealth

<http://kidshealth.org/teen/index.jsp?tracking=THome>
Information about health, growth and emotions

Teenreads.com

<http://www.teenreads.com/features/cool-new-books.asp>
Good books for teens, contests, podcasts and videos

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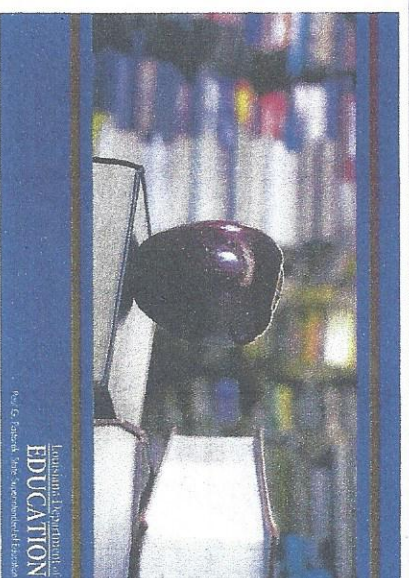
<http://school.familyeducation.com>
Information for parents on the educational issues affecting children PK-12.

Internet 4 Classrooms

<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm>
Sites to Help Parents Help Their Children

Literacy Matters

<http://www.literacymatters.org/parents>
Ideas, strategies, and suggestions to be easily implemented in the home.



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Tips for High School Parents

Have books, magazines, comics, graphic novels, and newspapers available for your child to read.

Encourage your child to read for a specified period of time every day.

Encourage your child to explore different authors, themes, and genres (biography, adventure, historical fiction, science fiction, poetry, and others).

Let your child see you read every day.

Talk with your child about what she/he is reading.

Limit the amount of time your child spends watching television and playing video games.

Create a quiet place, free from distractions, where your child may read.

Encourage older children to read to younger brothers and sisters.

Encourage the use of audio books.

Enthusiastic readers come from families that support and promote reading.

High School Booklist

Adventure

Airman by Eoin Colfer

Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz

How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff

Misadventures of Maude Marche or Trouble

Rides a Fast Horse by Audrey Coulombis

Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman series by Eleanor Updale

Wreckers series by Iain Lawrence

Biography

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya

Angelo

Night by Elie Wiesel

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary Pearson

Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

Angel Experiment by James Patterson

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Beastly by Alex Flinn

Bound by Donna Jo Napoli

Dark Side of Nowhere by Neil Shusterman

Dracula by Bram Stoker

Ender's Game series by Orson Scott Card

Eragon series by Christopher Paolini

Goodness Gene by Sonia Levitin

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

by Douglas Adams

Hollow Kingdom by Claire Dunkle

House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

Howl's Moving Castle by Diana W. Jones

Interstellar Pig by William Sleator

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

Maximum Ride series by James Patterson

Merlin Conspiracy by Diana W. Jones

Midnighters series by Scott Westerfeld

Rash by Pete Hautman

Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer

Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson

Twilight series by Stephanie Meyer

Uglies series by Scott Westerfeld

Wings of Merlin series by T. A. Barron

Zel by Donna Jo Napoli

Graphic Novels

Batman: The Dark Knight Returns by Frank Miller

Bleach by Tite Kubo

Full Metal Alchemist by Hiromu Arakawa

Maus by Art Spiegelman (Non-fiction)

Naruto series by Masashi Kishimoto

Historical Fiction

Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Crispin: the Cross of Lead by Avi

Fever, 1793 by Laurie R. King

Fire from the Rock by Sharon Draper

Goddess of Yesterday by Caroline Cooney

Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell

Letters from Rifka by Karen Hesse

Lyddie by Katherine Patterson

Pagan Chronicles by Katherine Jinx

Red Pony by John Steinbeck

River Between Us by Richard Peck

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

by Avi

Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Humor

Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns

Mystery/Suspense

Acceleration by Graham McNamee

Christopher Killer by Alane Ferguson

Dead Girls Don't Write Letters by Gail Giles

Killer's Cousin by Nancy Werlin

Phoning a Dead Man by Gillian Cross

What Happened to Cass McBride? by Gail

Giles

Where Are the Children? by Mary Higgins

Clark

Nonfiction

Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser

Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam

Realistic Fiction

All-American Girl series by Meg Cabot

After by Francine Prose

Bluford High series by various authors

Boot Camp by Todd Strasser

Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn

Runner by Cynthia Voigt

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series by Ann

Brashares

Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman

