

What????Free!!! Online Reading Resources to Use with Students to Make Engaging Learners in Literacy Fun and Easy: Correlated to the

National Reading Panel!

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One stop shop for all Educators



Research for Reading

ERIC- Educational Research Information Center: Reading, English, and Communication

http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?nfpb=true&pageLabel=basic
ERIC is the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), a national information system funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It provides, through its 16 subject-specific clearinghouses, associated adjunct clearinghouses, and support components, a variety of services and products on a broad range of education-related issues. This link is to the Reading, English, and Communication part.

Learning Point Associates - What Does Research Say About Reading

http://www.learningpt.org/page.php?pageID=15
5 The article will be talking about the movement from traditional views of reading based on behaviorism, to visions of reading and reading-based on cognitive psychology.

Learning Point Associates - Resources

http://www.learningpt.org/page.php?pageID=16
6 This website provides professional development resources to help teachers build their knowledge base to help children meet challenges in reading.

Implementing the NCLB- Using Student Engagement to Improve Adolescent Literacy

http://www.learningpt.org/pdfs/qkey10.pdf
The latest *Quick Key* from Learning Point Associates provides educators and policymakers with action options to improve adolescent literacy using the elements of student engagement in the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development. In addition, the guide provides a list of resources and suggested readings.

Partnership for Reading

http://www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading/index.html
The *Partnership for Reading* offers information about the effective teaching of reading for children, adolescents, and adults, based on the evidence from quality research. The Partnership invites you to explore this site for information on the research,

principles about reading instruction suggested by the research, and products for parents, teachers, administrators, and policy-makers.

Merrell Education Link to Literacy- Literacy Cluster Companion Website

http://wps.prenhall.com/chet_literacy_cluster_1

∟ Topics include word study, comprehension, the writing process, emergent literacy, children's literature, visual literacy, standards, assessment, and literacy and technology.

US Department of Education: Reading Improve Student Performance

http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/read/edpicks.jhtml?src=fp
Research on teaching children to read, the Reading First program, and more.

Legislation

No Child Left Behind

http://www.ed.gov/nclb/overview/intro/edpicks.jhtml?src=ln
This site provides information on the Federal Law of No Child Left Behind Act. It redefines the federal role in K-12 education and will help close the achievement gap between disadvantaged and minority students and their peers. It is based on four basic principles: stronger accountability for results, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis on teaching methods that have been proven to work.

US House of Representatives

http://www.house.gov/georgemiller/eseainfo.html
Up to date information on educational issues

Education World@ The Educators Best Friend

http://www.education-world.com/
Find out the newest things that are going on in education today here at Education World

Reading Theory

Cognitive Reading Theory

http://writing.colostate.edu/guides/reading/critical/pop4b.cfm
This guide is designed to help you to understand and engage this active reading process more effectively so that you can become a better critical reader.

Connected Educator Reading

http://corporate.classroom.com/cer.html
Connected Educator Reading is built on the five essential components of reading that lead to student reading achievement, as put forth by the National Reading Panel and No Child Left Behind's Reading First initiative: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, Text Comprehension

The Reading Genie

http://www.auburn.edu/academic/education/reading_genie/
Dr. Bruce Murray--the Reading Genie--an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Auburn University states "there's nothing magic about learning to read when we base our instruction on the science of reading education." We can plan lessons using this public knowledge base to ease children into reading and spelling with the alphabetic code. Check out the site for reading information.

Websites for teachers to use to enhance the five areas of reading instruction



Phonics Awareness/Phonics

Words are very important in the foundations of reading and writing. Phonics is an important part of any reading program, but it is NOT the only part. There are four cueing systems which readers use: Phonics (sound-symbol relationship), Semantics (meaning and context), Syntax (structure of language), and background knowledge. Phonics is not a method of teaching reading; it is an important strategy for decoding words (Bear, Invernizzi, Templeton, & Johnston, 2000).

Spellingcity.com

http://www.spellingcity.com
This website allows teacher to enter words and students "play" games with words and then be "tested" on the words.

Interactive skill-based

Curriculum

Interactive Websites

http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/interact-read.htm
provide standards-based cross curricular web resources designed to enhance online learning opportunities. These sites interact with the user usually through either a text-based or graphical user interface. Choose from the links above to explore a collection of interactive resources.

Activities and Games for Students

http://www.east-haven.k12.ct.us/literacy/interactive_curriculum_sites.htm
This site includes many games which require Shockwave for the following subjects language arts, K-1 phonics and reading, math, science, social studies.

Practice Quiz on Phonics

http://english.glendale.cc.ca.us/phonics.html
Presents a quiz for teachers on the various aspects

of phonics, including common generalizations or rules. This is an excellent review for teachers who will be teaching phonics.

Interactive phonics games for student

http://www.iknowthat.com/com/L3?Area=L2_LanguageArts This site encourages meta-learning skills, which enables the students to learn how to learn in a community type setting. It encourages multiple modalities in which to learn about topics and encourage collaboration. The learning is self paced. For Phonics games choose the following: Word Search, Word Match, and Word Builder.

Cliffords interactive Phonics Games

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/clifford1/> This learning activity is part of the Clifford the Big Red Dog series. Clifford's Big Idea for children is Be Kind. Students read or listen to stories and phonics games.

Starfall *****

<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-a/index/play.htm?f>

The Starfall reading program is designed specifically for the emergent reader. It makes use of interactive books and rhyming word family games that teach phonemic awareness, comprehension, vocabulary building and spelling skills. You are welcome to use the on-line Starfall program in your school for free! You may also order PRINTED materials that coordinate with the website.

Free Phonics Worksheets

<http://www.schoolexpress.com> This site provides phonics worksheets that focus on vowels, consonants, blends, and other aspects of reading.

Fluency

Fluency means reading

faster, smoother, more expressively, or more quietly with the goal of reading silently. Fluent reading approaches the speed of speech. Beginning readers usually do not read fluently; reading is often a word-by-word struggle.



Alfy Interactive Reading Stories

<http://www.alfy.com/storyville/index1.asp?FlashDetect=True> At this site ALFY is the main character and the book is read to the children in excellent expression and style, so the children can hear the fluency of the reader. It also asks them to take an active role in the story. The stories can be played and then read by the child with the sound turned down.

Scrambled Stories

http://www.iknowthat.com/com/L3?Area=L2_LanguageArts This site allows the children to hear, read, and choose the words of stories they already are familiar with. It also works on grammar skills needed to complete the story. It is grade leveled K-2 and 3-5.

PBS Between the Lion

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/> This site provides many games for the children to play

on to work toward word fluency. The game is not in a story format, but it does work on how fluently the child can read the words in isolation.

PBS Arthur's Scrambled Stories

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/storyscramble/index.html> The child or the computer can read the text and place the parts in correct order. When the activity is complete the computer reads the story with fluency.

TampaReads Online Reading Books

<http://www.tampareads.com/books-ol/index-ol.htm> TampaReads has created books which focus on reading words in context with picture clues, vowel color coding, and separated words for understanding. Check out the site.

BookPops: Webenhanced Reading Stories- Virtual Literature by Stephen Cosgrove

<http://www.bookpop.com>

Vocabulary

Children come across many new vocabulary words in their reading, knowing the meanings are very important to the comprehension of the text. Vocabulary words are labels for concepts (Lew & Kinzer, 1999). Teachers are encouraged to introduce concepts first through providing direct instruction with words they feel the students need to know. Another important aspect of vocabulary instruction is teaching children to use context to figure out new words. (Rasinski & Padak, 2000)

KidsBibs- Learning Tips #24 Strengthen Vocabulary Through Reading and Exploring with a Vocabulary Scavenger Hunt

<http://www.kidbibs.com/learningtips/lt24.htm>

LearningTips is a series of articles written by teachers and professors about helping children from birth to age 12 become good readers, writers, and students.

Word Central

<http://www.wordcentral.com/> Merriam-Webster's Word Central offers kids a student dictionary, Daily Buzzword, and interactive word games. It offers interactive word games in addition to a student dictionary and Daily Buzzword feature.

Vocabulary Web Games

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games_vocab.htm Vocabulary Web games is a free on line resource with many different vocabulary quiz activities covering over 2000 words including SAT/GRE, computer, and medical terminology.

Vocabulary University

<http://www.vocabulary.com> This site contains on-line puzzles for grades 5 and older. It promotes vocabulary development with puzzles and exercises. You can even print out a diploma from Vocabulary University.

Education Place: Fake Out

<http://www.eduplace.com/fakeout/> At this site the students are able to choose words and

guess their definitions. They then check to see if they are correct.

Visuwords

<http://www.visuwords.com/?word=read>

Look up words to find their meanings and associations with other words and concepts. Produce diagrams reminiscent of a neural net. Learn how words associate.

Learning vocabulary fun

http://www.vocabulary.co.il/index_main.php

Grammar

Grammar is very important in any language. It is based on basic patterns or rules in a language. Grammar instruction usually includes punctuation, parts of speech, capitalization, tenses, and sentence structure. Typically this has been taught in isolation with worksheets or workbook pages, but now it is being taught through students' writing and reading (Thompkins, 2000).

Grammar Safari

http://www.iei.uiuc.edu/student_grammarsafari.html This site introduces upper elementary students to what grammar is all about.

Grammar Gorilla

<http://www.funbrain.com/grammar/index.html> The Grammar Gorillas is an interactive game that helps students identify parts of speech.

OWL: Online Writing Lab

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/> This site provides handouts, PowerPoint presentations, and interactive games (not fancy) that relate to grammar: parts of speech, sentence construction, and punctuation.

Jupiter Jane's Games

http://www.iknowthat.com/com/L3?Area=L2_LanguageArts This site has many colorful, animated, interactive, and fun games dealing with the parts of speech. It is divided into two levels K-2 and 3-5.

Wacky Web Tales: Education Place

<http://eduplace.com/tales/index.html> Students are able to use parts of speech to create

stories for enjoyment. This site is similar to MadLibs.



PowerPoint Presentations starring Grammar!

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>
PowerPoint presentations for you to use with your students for teaching or re-teaching grammar strategies. There are several PowerPoint presentations available within the Guide to Grammar and Writing. Wonderful for all age groups!

Text Comprehension

Reading comprehension helps determine the meaning of what is being read as well as ability to understand written language. Comprehension includes both getting the gist of the meaning and interpreting the meaning by relating it to other ideas by drawing inferences, making comparisons and asking questions about it.

RHL School: Free Reading Comprehension Worksheets

<http://www.rhlschool.com/reading.htm>
Featuring free reading comprehension worksheets for teachers and parents to copy for their kids. They include original stories, poems, essays, and articles. They are most appropriate for upper elementary through middle school years

Reading Resources for Teachers and Parents
<http://www.schools.manatee.k12.fl.us/ITSise/more/reading/> The site is designed for adults and children to work through together. It is very important to work with the child as he or she practice reading strategies and skills, so that you can praise his or her efforts, confirm correct answers and correct errors or misunderstandings.

ELC Study Zone

<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/200/reading/> This site offers reading comprehensions stories with questions for understanding of what is being read. They offer many levels.

Reading Comprehension

<http://www.edhelper.com/ReadingComprehension.htm> The site offers reading comprehension stories on all levels of education from elementary to high school. It is not colorful and interactive but it does the job. Edhelper also offers many other things for other academic skills (math, science, phonics, etc.)

Room 108 - Kids Stories

<http://www.netrover.com/~kingskid/108b.html>
These stories are created, illustrated and animated by students. They are really cute.

Children's Storybooks Online

<http://www.magickeys.com/books> This is just a link to many reading stories sites and more.

Literature Guides

Authors and Illustrators Websites

Below are lists of some sites that offer a lot of valuable information on books that children read. You can find guides, vocabulary words, and much more. Some of these sites give you inside information about children's authors and illustrators.

SCORE CyberGuides

<http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/cyberguide.html> CyberGuides are supplementary, standards-based, web-delivered units of instruction centered on core works of literature. Each CyberGuide contains a student and teacher edition, standards, a task and a process by which it may be completed, teacher-selected web sites and a rubric, based on California Language Arts Content Standards.

Jan Brett

<http://www.janbrett.com/> This site is based on the wonderful children's author Jan Brett. She is also the site creator. The site offers flash cards, calendars, name tags, book labels, and many more things for students, teachers, and even parents.

Junie B. Jones

<http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/junieb/> Get free information about all of Junie B. Jones books and teacher guides for her books.

Magic Treehouse Classroom Club

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/magicth/> Get free information about all of the Magic Treehouse books and teacher guides for the stories.

Harry Potter Club

<http://www.scholastic.com/harrypotter/home.asp>
Check out Scholastic for the information on Harry Potter Books

Children's Literature Web Guide and

Children's Authors and Illustrators

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/authors.html>

This site is a collection of Internet resources related to books for children and young adults. The Literature Web Guide is a different way to view the list of resources gathered by fans, schools, libraries, etc.

Website for Reading Fun

Fact Monster

<http://www.factmonster.com>

Word Central

<http://www.wordcentral.com>

A Word A Day

<http://wordsmith.org/awad/index.html>

A Game A Day

<http://www.agameaday.com>

A Puzzle A Day

<http://www.billybear4kids.com/jigsaw-puzzles/Puzzle-of-the-Day/main-page.html>

Bookworm

<http://www.popcap.com/gamepopup.php?theGame=bookworm>

Rhymezone

<http://www.rhymezone.com>

ReadWriteThink

http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/index.asp

ReadWriteThink offers a collection of online Student Materials to support literacy learning in the K-12 classroom. These interactive tools can be used to supplement a variety of lessons and provide an opportunity for students to use technology while developing their literacy skills. Click on the name of each interactive for a brief description of the tool and a list of the ReadWriteThink lessons that use the tool. From there you'll also be able to directly access the tool and use it in your classroom.

TeacherTube

http://www.teachertube.com/search_result.php?search_id=teaching+reading This link provides teachers with best practices in teaching different kinds of Reading.

Podcasts

http://www.unf.edu/dept/cirt/webch/podcast/podcast_list.html#coehs



