

Try Out These Great Websites for Literacy

This is a list of useful, skill building, fun websites that promote literacy. In some cases there are also math links. I suggest that you check them out and bookmark those you love so that your child can share and explore. Enjoy!

<http://internet4classrooms.com/>

This is a highly motivating educational website. At the home page, click "Grade Level Help for PreK thru 8th Grade". (Links to Prek-12 will also give you fantastic links, so don't worry!). Choose the Skill Builders. Have fun!

<http://www.primarygames.com/reading.htm>

This site has a variety of fun games for students, including several typing games and a variety of word games (Boggle type, Hangman). There are links to games for other subjects - math, science, social studies, puzzles, etc.

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

This is a site for emerging readers and it has a variety of activities that you can do with your child. There is a guided reading story that has accompanying Before Reading and After Reading questions that you can ask, as well as worksheets on the story's vocabulary. The interactive reading games involve looking for full stops, making sense (sentences - reading and constructing), capitalization, alphabet and words that rhyme. Worksheets and songs are found on this site.

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

Most of your children have used this website in school. This site features practice with phonemic awareness (the sounds of the letters and letter combinations) and is geared for the primary grades. It features mini books for a variety of holidays, as well as phonics focuses. There are fun tongue twisters, music, and riddles. A fun site!

http://www.netrover.com/~kingskid/writing/Kids_Writing.html

This writing site has many links depending what you would link your child to focus on. There are word matches where the words are read aloud to them, grammar, typing, writing forms, and media literacy activities. Check it out!

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

This is a sight filled with games based on levels. Remember to have your child check out the beginner level before advancing to the more difficult ones (this avoids frustration!). Lots of fun!

<http://pbskids.org/>

This site is so thorough! What I loved about this site is that your child can find the characters that interest him/her and then work through the games and activities. Too many areas to show/discuss individually, though I did explain Between the Lions and Arthur for you below.

<http://pbskids.org/lions/>

Here, book are read to your child online - with a video to illustrate it as well! As the stories are read to your child, the text being read is highlighted. Fantastic! The games focus on word families, and are enticing to children as they incorporate song as well. In the parents and teacher area, there is a daily word puzzle and ways to get your child interested in reading (making scrapbooks, etc). Printable items can be found at this site.

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/>

For Arthur fans - enjoy stories and activities online!

<http://www.alphabet.learningtogether.net/>

This site is to strengthen letter identification with various fonts. This on-line game on the alphabet proposes series of letters presented to the child. Every list of letters includes 5 letters to be identified. Two levels are available with or without different writings.