

Some Online Mathematics, Reading & Writing Resources

The following websites are merely suggestions and ideas for you to further engage your child with learning through use of the internet. Some of these online sites will be familiar to your child as they have been used within the classroom to supplement various activities and further develop his or her skills. I hope that this information is useful and helps in providing numerous reading, writing, and numeracy opportunities that are fun, engaging, and interactive for your child.

Mathematics Resources:

www.ixl.com

- IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math practice problems in thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to the provincial curriculum. All of your child's results will be saved, so you can monitor his or her progress anytime by clicking on the *Analytics* tab at the top of the page. Students just simply sign in using his or her username and password (as previously provided)

<http://www.nelson.com/mathfocus/grade3/>

- Enter the student center and students can play games related to specific concepts and lessons taught in the classroom through the Math Focus Program. Students can complete multiple choice practice tests on each lesson and skill focused upon as well.

Writing Resources:

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/>

- This site provides students with story starters or topics to write about. Enter the story scrambler and with the press of a button, students are offered funny and intriguing writing opportunities that will engage their imagination and allow for creativity, while still practicing their fundamental skills. Students actually write their ideas on the interactive site in various formats (i.e. postcards, letters, etc...) and can print or download their creative work!

<http://www.funenglishgames.com/games.html>

- This site has spelling, writing, reading and grammar games that are fun, interactive, and work towards further developing students skills for writing. Some games may be easier than others, so please attempt the games first before letting your child try.

Reading Resources:

<http://magazines.scholastic.com>

- This site provides students with the opportunity to read non-fiction news articles that are current, relevant, and are written specifically for young readers.

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

- This site has a variety of reading materials that can be read online. There are some narrative stories at an appropriate reading level under the category "Books For Older Children"

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

- Under the category "I'm Reading," there are a number of reading selections based on genre (fiction, non-fiction, folktales, etc...). Some of the reading may be a little easy, however the site is very user friendly and easy to navigate

<http://www.raz-kids.com/main/ViewPage/name/sample>

- There are a few free online book samples on this site. For a Grade 3 age level, try sampling anywhere from K-W leveled books. They illustrate on their main "book" page the variety of levels and around what age students should be able to read the leveled books

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com>

- Students can research about various animals of interest and read facts and articles on topics of interest

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org>

- Students can search for books based on their age, interest, language, etc...

<http://www.kiddle.co>

- This site is a search engine specifically designed for kids. Students can look up non-fiction items through topics such as science or animals, or from generic searches. The reading level on this site is more intermediate, however it is a nice way to complete interest based non-fiction reading

<http://kids.britannica.com/>

- In this site, there is an option to look up reference materials in the "Children's Encyclopedia Ages 8-11" section. These references should be more appropriate in vocabulary.

Please note: the above sites are just a few that have a variety of reading, writing, and numeracy materials at a variety of learning levels. Many more sites may offer similar selections, so do continue to search the Internet for more creative and interesting sites that may intrigue your child. If you are unsure that the reading material selected is at your child's reading level, simply adhere to the **Five Finger Rule:** if your child encounters more than 5 words they do not understand within the first few paragraphs or first page of a book/article, then it is too difficult for them to read and another should be selected. Please always screen your child's online reading materials prior to his or her use. Have fun!