

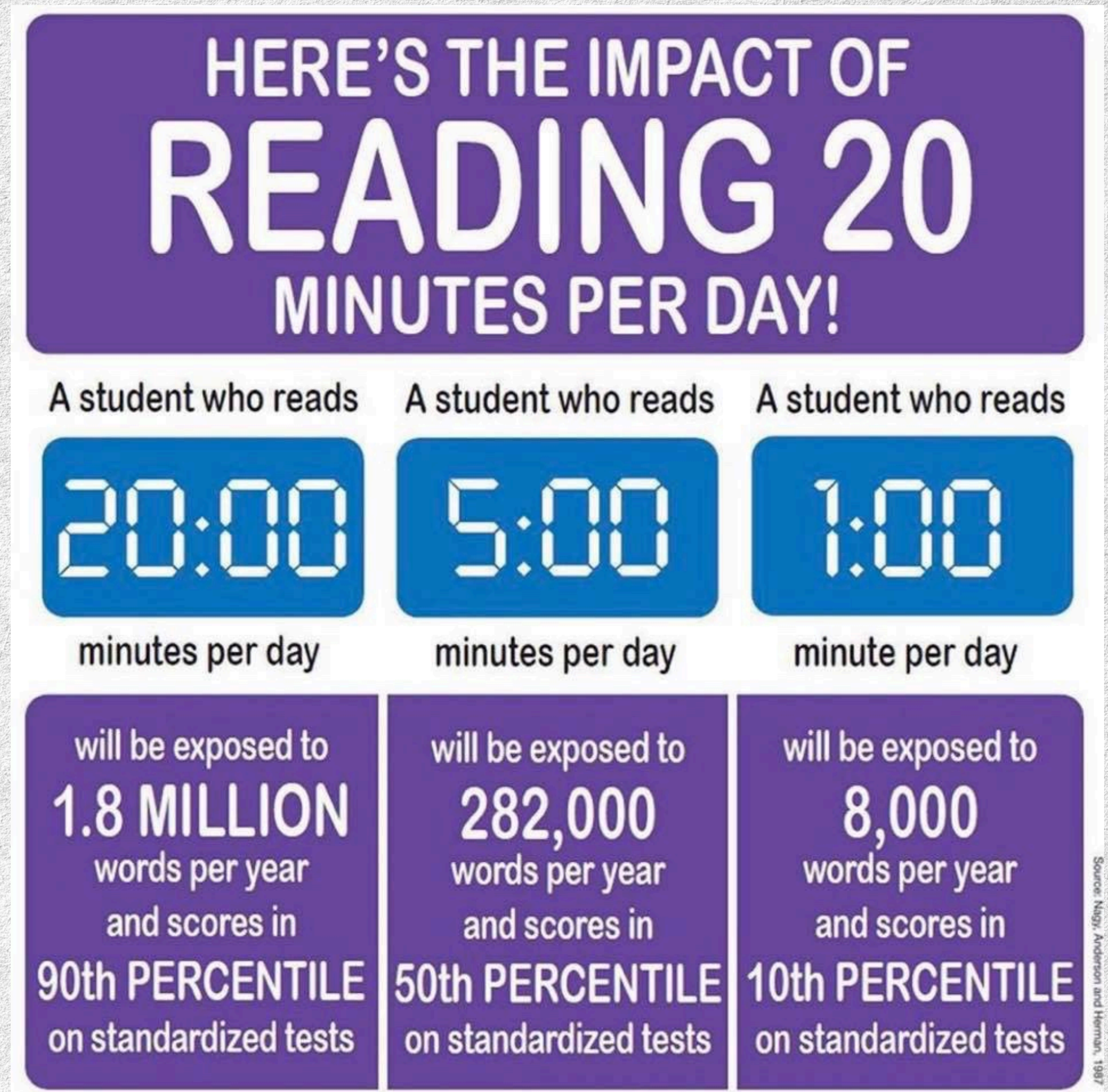
FAMILY SUPPORT FOR READING SUCCESS IN GRADES K-3

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READING DAILY MATTERS!

Building in time to read daily is a wonderful way for parents to contribute to their child's success.



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT MATTERS



Research shows family engagement:

- improves reading outcomes
- creates positive attitudes toward reading
- strengthens parent-child bonds through shared learning
- develops lifelong reading habits.



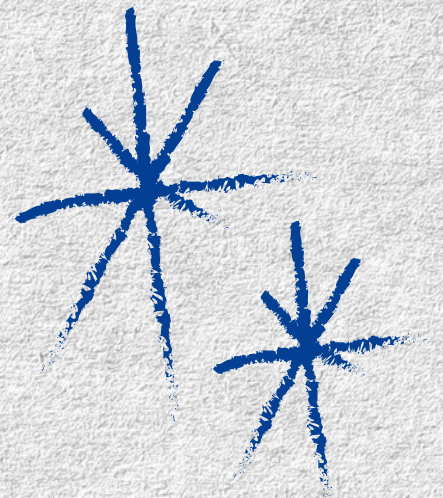
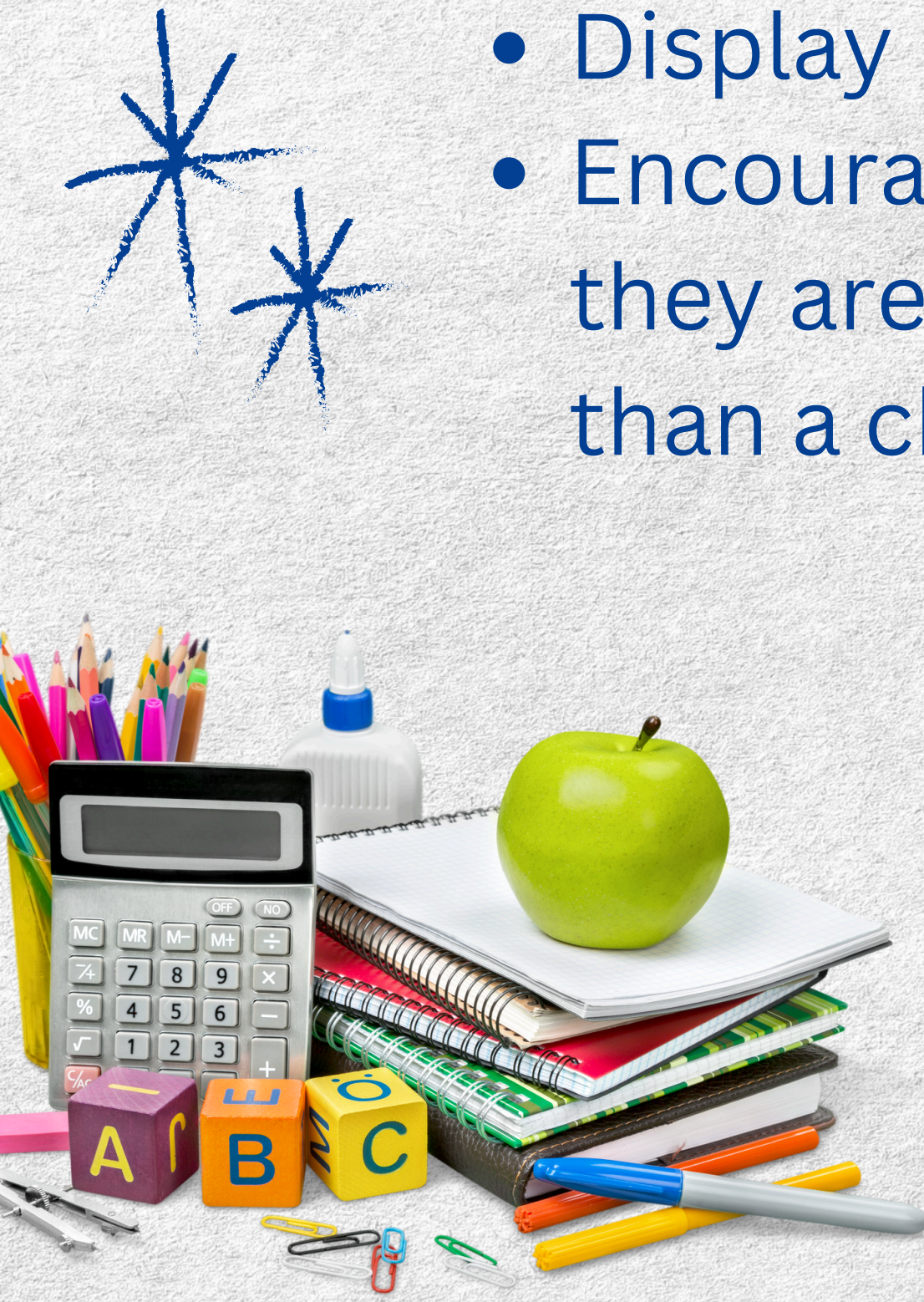
THE POWER OF READING ALOUD

- Develops vocabulary and comprehension
- Demonstrates fluency and expression
- Creates shared experiences
- Builds listening skills
- Encourages discussion



CREATE A READING-RICH ENVIRONMENT

- Designate a comfortable reading space.
- Make books easily accessible.
- Display reading materials throughout the home.
- Encourage children to choose the books they read. If they aren't engaged, reading will become a chore rather than a cherished practice.
 - Read a variety of books, across different subject areas.
 - Make reading FUN with reading clubs/rewards, storytelling, art activities, and creative writing.
 - Assign roles to get the whole family involved in Readers' Theater.





KEY ELEMENTS TO INCLUDE

Reading Aloud:

- Choose books at the appropriate level-**5 Finger Rule**.
- Model using an expressive voice, pausing at punctuation marks.
- Point to words as you read to support visual tracking. This demonstrates reading moves from left to right.
- Ask questions about the story to check for understanding (before, during, and after reading).





KEY ELEMENTS TO INCLUDE

Phonics Practice:

- Review letter sounds regularly.
- Play sound-based games like "I Spy" with letter sounds.
- Practice blending sounds to read simple words.

Vocabulary Building:

- Introduce new words before reading.
- Discuss the meaning of words in context.
- Have children use new words in sentences.





KEY ELEMENTS TO INCLUDE

Comprehension Strategies:

- Ask open-ended questions about the story.
- Encourage children to make predictions about what will happen next.
- Discuss the main idea and key details of the story.

Interactive Reading:

- "Read with me" - take turns reading sentences or paragraphs. "Echo reading" - child repeats after you read a sentence. "Choral reading" - read aloud together.





KEY ELEMENTS TO INCLUDE

Engaging Activities:

- Create a reading nook with cozy blankets and pillows.
- Use puppets or stuffed animals to act out stories.
- Draw or color pictures about the story.
- Play word games like Scrabble or Boggle.



Handout: An Indepth look at 4 tips

Four Tips for Supporting Reading Skills at Home:

Appropriate for children in grades

K

1

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1 Have conversations before, during, and after reading together

2 Help children learn how to break sentences into words and words into syllables

3 Help children sound out words smoothly

4 Model reading fluently by practicing reading aloud with your child

What Works Clearinghouse™



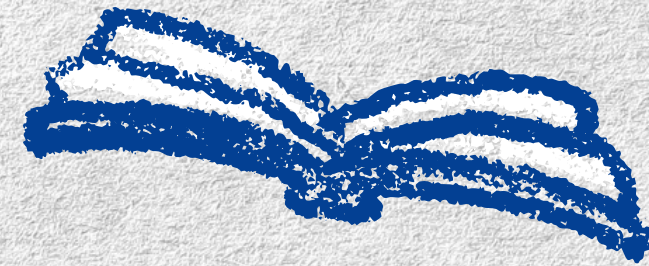
IES: TIPS FOR SUPPORTING READING SKILLS AT HOME

SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO BUILD STRONG READERS

- Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, songbooks, poems, and information books.



DEVELOPING LITERACY: DECODING

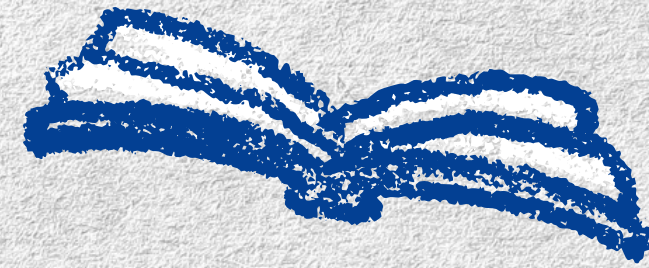


Building language and reading books to your children is important, but it's not enough to develop skilled literacy. Students will learn to blend letters together to decode, or read, text. Families can support decoding by helping their children gain knowledge about letter names, letter sounds, and how letters blend together to make words. Learning songs and games are fun ways to promote decoding skills.



LEARNING GAMES

(Click on each to visit the website.)



- REL Southeast Family Involvement Guides
- Games to Support Early Literacy Skills – RI Dept. of Ed.
- Florida Center for Reading Research Student Activities
- Strong Readers: Mississippi
- Louisiana Believes: Family Literacy and Engagement
- Literacy at Home: Digital Children's Literacy Initiative



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES





- Interactive Alphabet Arc
<https://dl.esc4.net/rla/alphabet-arc/english.html>
- Reading Rockets-Reading Adventure Packets for Families
<https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home/literacy-tips-activities/reading-adventure-packs>
- Reading Buddies
<https://www.youtube.com/@ReadingBuddiesTRL>
- School Library Page/Digital Read-Alouds





GET CREATIVE!

- Handwriting (skywriting, Wikki Stix, shaving cream, sandpaper, gel bags, etc.)
 - Keep a lined alphabet template handy
 - Elkonin boxes (tap, push, slide counters to represent sounds)
 - Phoneme/grapheme mapping (sounds to written letters)
 - Phonemic awareness activities
 - Heart Word Strategy
 - Word Family Flipbooks
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GET CREATIVE!

- Fluency-Practice, practice, practice
- Fluency pyramids/trees
- Chunk phrases (rhythm vs. robot)
- Record student reading, listen to recording, and set goals)
- Spotlight read with a flashlight
- Build silly sentences (index cards)
- Dictation (Student repeats sentence then dashes out number of words.)
- Concentration game for high-frequency words & letter names/sounds

Read each sentence

Sam

Sam had

Sam had a

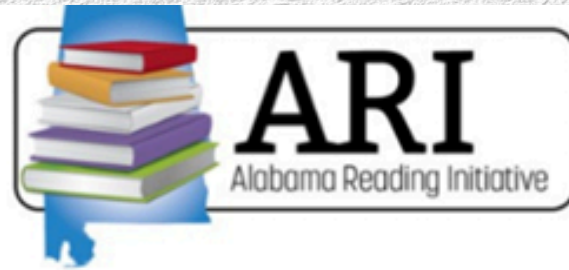
Sam had a big

Sam had a big red

Sam had a big red ball.



SUPPORT FROM ALABAMA READING INITIATIVE (ARI)



Support for Families and Communities

- Valuable resources
- Family and Community Modules
- Family and Community Facebook Page
- Family and Community Newsletter



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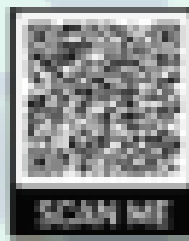
Family and Community Support Resources

FAMILIA Y COMUNIDAD RECURSOS DE APOYO

Lenguaje oral

Conciencia fonológica

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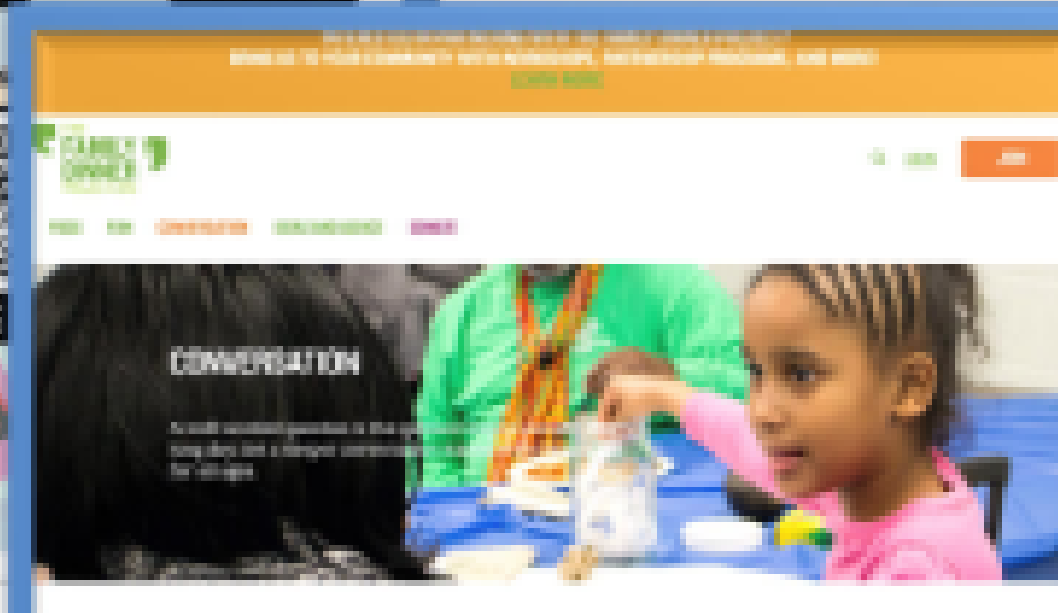
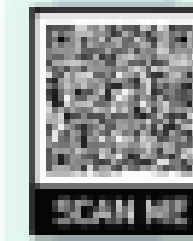
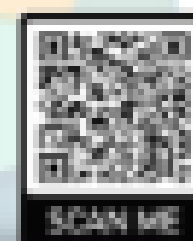
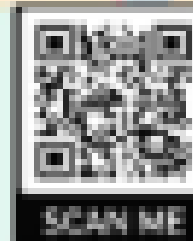
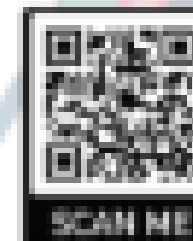


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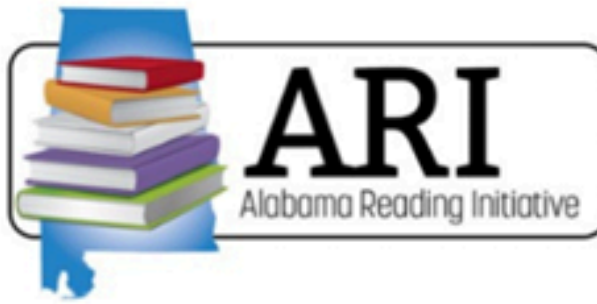
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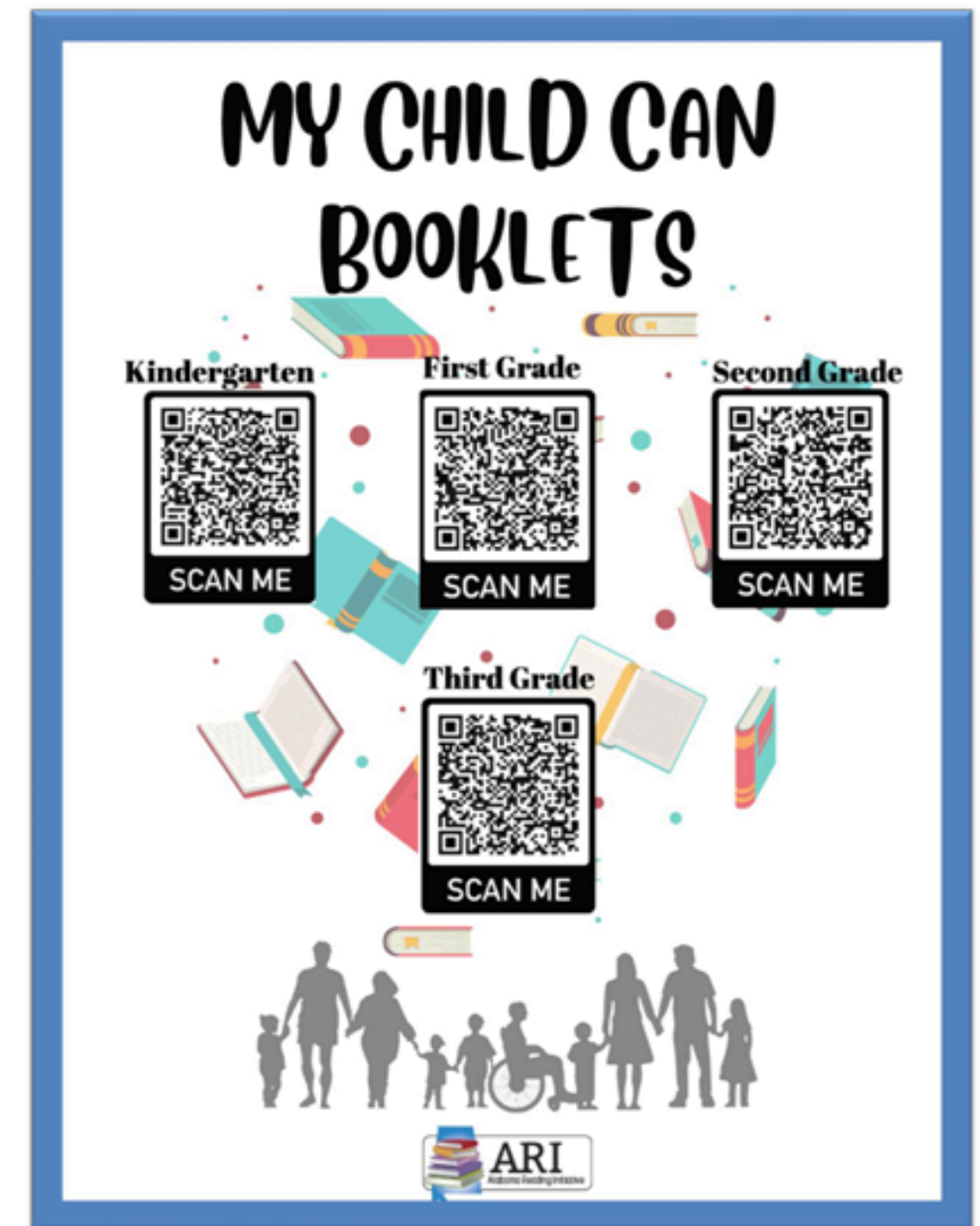
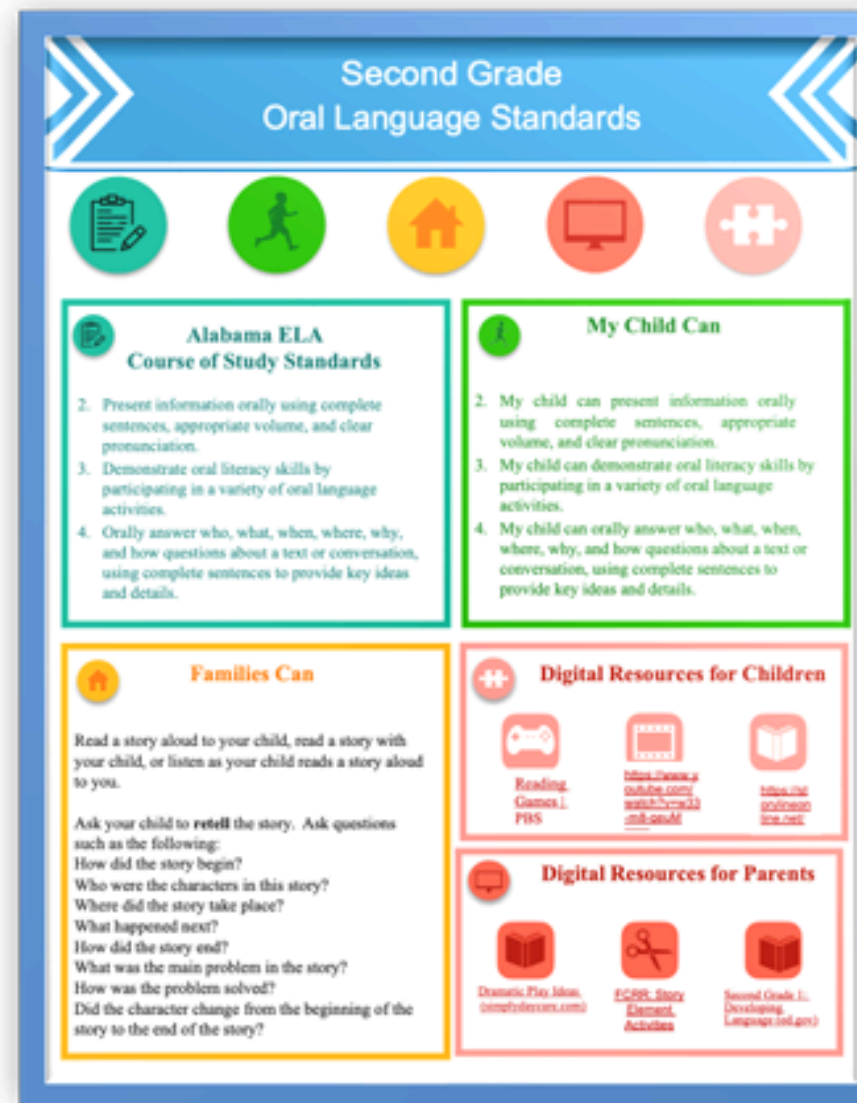
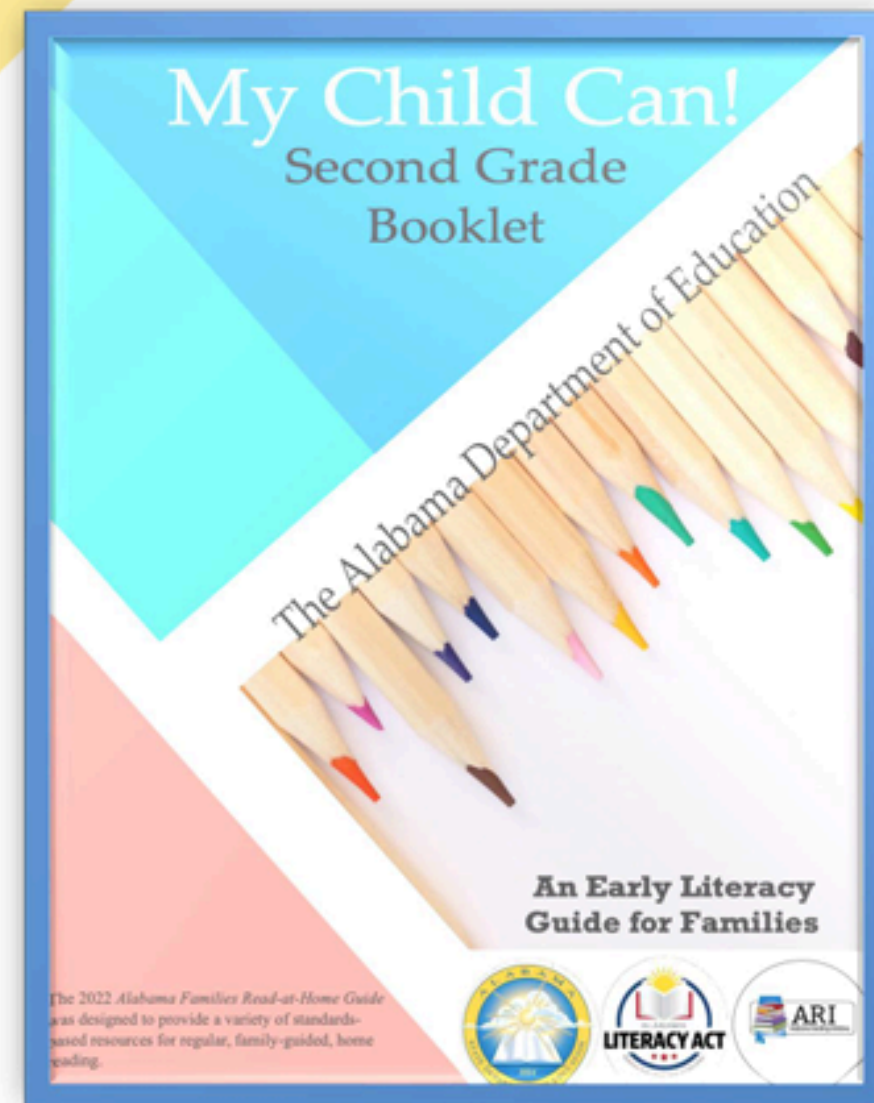
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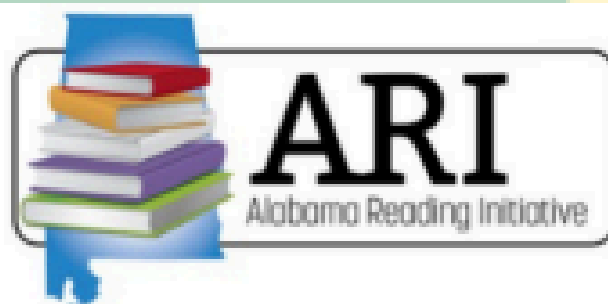
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Family and Community Newsletters

ARI's Spring Break Literacy Fun

Family Literacy Activities



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Spring Break Literacy Fun

The Alabama Reading Initiative is excited to share literacy activities with families. Take a look at these exciting literacy activities to keep your child engaged during Spring Break!

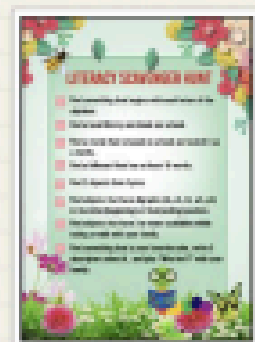


LITERACY SCAVENGER HUNT

Literacy Scavenger Hunt

Work together as a family to complete the Literacy Scavenger Hunt. Help us participate in this literacy adventure with you via social media. While participating in these fun literacy activities, take pictures to document the fun you are having and post them on social media using the hashtag #SpringBreakLiteracyFunwithARI. Enjoy!

Access the activity here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/14MUTBmgTmshb1Cg8r2WwWW7eR_Uw8/view?usp=sharing



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SUMMER READING CAMP

Summer Reading Camp is a great opportunity for children to enjoy learning to read in a relaxing and fun environment. During the one month of learning and two months of the summer, children risk losing many of the skills they learned during the school year. Reading over the summer helps to prevent summer learning loss and builds good habits that will serve them well when they return to school in the fall. Check with your local library for more opportunities.



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ARI Holiday News

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We hope that you find the holiday-themed literacy activities fun during this season!



ARI's Back to School Newsletter

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Welcome Back to School



My Child Can Packets

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WINTER LITERACY NEWSLETTER



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LET'S GET SIGNED UP!



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THE ALABAMA LITERACY

ACT FOR FAMILIES

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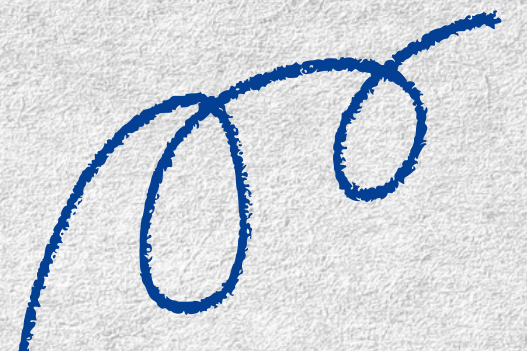




ALABAMA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (ACAP)

VIDEO FOR FAMILIES

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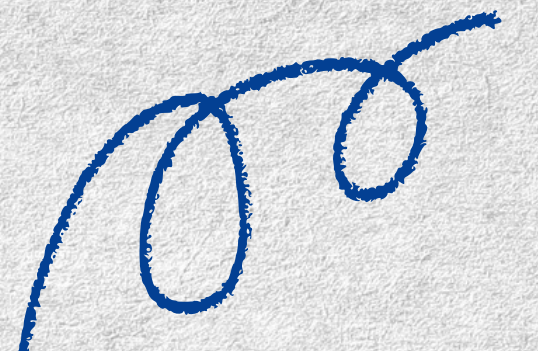




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VIDEO FOR FAMILIES

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*Reading well is at the
heart of all learning.*

Thank you for your
attendance and support.

