

Reading Links to Web Sites:

There will always be a brief description to accompany any web site so that you will be able to use applications more easily. Sometimes sites will be included under writing as well as reading because they offer both. All you need to do is click the hyperlink to get to the site and then follow directions. If you are using a PC, hit Ctrl and click to get to the web site.

BookPALS | Storyline

Here you will find actors reading the full text with pictures from the literature being shown as the actor reads. This is a lovely site for any age. Young children can listen and watch. Grade 1 and 2 readers can check out the books from the library and follow along or read the books after listening. The books at this site are: Private I. Guana by Nina Laden, Brave Irene by William Steig, Me And My Cat by Satoshi Kitamura, Knots On A Counting Rope by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault, My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother by Patricia Polacco, A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon, No Mirrors In Nana's House by Ysaye M. Barnwell, Thank You Mr. Faulkner by Patricia Polacco, The Night I Followed the Dog by Nina Laden, Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mim Fox.

Welcome to the Clifford Web Site!

Click the "Read and Write" button on the left.

Then go to "More Clifford Read and Write" located on that page.

Read A Fishy Story and The Lonely Lighthouse. They are both voiced stories to accompany the reading text with pictures. All the Emily Elizabeth and Clifford books are interactive with voiced reading and the children making active choices of words.

Games: (All are Voiced)

- Concentration- Find objects with same medial sound
- Make a Word- Short medial vowels
- Letter Match- Find words by sight with the same beginning letters
- Sound Match- Identify initial sounds that are the same

Click on the "Play and Learn" button for Preschool and Kindergarten activities.

- Matching Game-Like picture concentration match
- Peek a Boo Puppy-Following Directions
- Give Clifford a Groovy Look-Not sure what this skills does??

Each of these 3 games leads to another similar activity by clicking at the bottom of the page.

Activities at "More Clifford Games" and "More Puppy Games" that are worthwhile:

- Flo & Zo Sort It Out-Classification by colors, shapes, design, toys, clothes, seasons, sports, school
- School House Scramble-Story sequencing
- Cliffords Letter Round Up-Identifying letters/upper and lower case

Go to the "See and Hear Button" and then click the Shell Match game which requires really good listening skills to find two environmental sounds that are alike.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/>

When you get to this site click literacy under ages 4-11. You will come to a page that is full of skills. They are absolutely the most kid friendly pages you will find. It would take days to list the skills at each level. Take the time, please, to see what is available at this site. You and the children will love the accents and enjoy some new vocabulary such as “racksack”. My students have truly benefited from this site. If for any reason you end up at the BBC homepage follow these steps: scroll down to the bottom of the page and over on the right shaded area, near the bottom, find the topic “Learning”, then click schools. You will be back at the main site again.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

This site has many activities that will be too simple for the kindergarten environment but there are some stories that are quite appropriate so I will try to help just a little. On the left tool bar start by clicking Stories and Rhymes then click Balamory. There you will find several stories to get you started. One is called Nessie’s Story and the other is Weather Story. This is just to get you started. The site is really quite vast.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/preschool/>

- Click “Tweenies” for singing stories and rhyming stories that have the words and pictures.
- Little Activities Animal Center has a great deal that is appropriate to kindergarten.

[Lil' Fingers Storybooks](#)

These are preschool stories but kindergarten teachers or early grade one teachers may find them worthwhile since the text is quite large and very few words per page. Two stories at the top called My Brother the Robot and Penguin Party are both voiced with the words.

<http://www.antbee.com/default.asp>

Go here for four little rhyming stories. They are not voiced but they are logical especially since they rhyme. End of first grade and early second would probably enjoy these stories. Kids may need a reading buddy to get through the more difficult words. You must click more stories at the top of the page to get the other three.

<http://www.storyplace.org/storyplace.asp>

After you click on this site you can choose either the Preschool Library or the Elementary Library. Don’t mess around hitting all the little pictures on the screen, go immediately to “Other themes” for each of the two libraries. Here you will find all the stories listed. Most of these stories are voiced along with the print. The print becomes considerably smaller in the Elementary Library but kids get to name the characters. There are print outs to go with the stories. It is a cute site loaded with reading, often times spin offs of classic fairy tales.

. <http://netnet.net/~dciango/xmas.html>

Grade two readers should go here for a large selection of short stories that can be quite delightful. You'll need to find good readers or these stories will not be enjoyed. They do not have voicing or help

<http://www.the-office.com/bedtime-story/agbeartales.htm#select>

This is a site of 12 fairly short stories of A.G. Bear. They are not voiced and need a good Grade Two reader to enjoy them, probably a girl.

<http://www.classicfairytales.com/en/main>

You can enter the screen or better yet go to the bottom of the page and see what you are really getting. There are classic fairy tales, Grimm's Fairy Tales, Anderson's Fairy Tales, the story of Faithful John, Paul Bunyon and so much more. This site has cartoon animation and voiced reading along with the text.

<http://www.web-pop.com/totallytrollchooserhtml.html>

The literature by Stephen Cosgrove will delight all who enter the site. The illustrations and music are enchanting. OK so I know for longer text, the research says a book is better but please take a look and see that your opinion might change. Because there is voiced reading with the text any child can enjoy these beautiful little stories. There are 7 story choices.

<http://www.angelfire.com/realm/operaghost/puss.html>

The story of Puss in Boots in a shorter version which will require your better Grade 2 reader. There is no assistance with reading.

<http://www.mrstorytime.com/stories.html>

Go here for a story about a whale mother and baby called The Adventures of Meru and Boo. Click on www surfing for links to whale sites. This is a relatively new site for kids and will be expanding soon.

<http://goodnightstories.com/stories.htm>

If you go here you will find Mike Mulligan being read out loud. You can also find Make Way for Ducklings and The Cat in the Hat. They are under "Hear a story". You can do many other activities at this site as well. I was not overly enthusiastic about the "finish the story books" but my second grade neighbor was crazy for the entire site especially when he got to finish the story and send it in. We also found something outstanding at "Activities" which you will find listed at the right hand side of the page. Click on "Wildlife Fact Files" and you won't believe what you will find. Information galore on many wild animals. Also very, very cool, if you can't get a child to learn his alphabet, click on the coloring box and then click alphabet and you will find the ABC's made out of animals. Sorry to say they are only upper case.

<http://users.nac.net/ronzalme/Toby/page23.html>

Read a simple little story, What Did Toby See? about a boy and his dog. Very predictable. Short sentences. Picture clues are abundant. Large text. Perhaps good for end of grade one. There is voiced help with the reading. It is short and cute. I used it for students to make a list of the differences between what a dog sees compared to what a boy sees.

<http://www.kidsread.net/index.html#toddler%20tales>

Click on stories for ages 2-6 and please ignore what ever age 2-6 means because these poems are definitely Ok for grades one and two. These are little poems that have a new twist on some facts. My favorites are: If I Could Dance With a Dinosaur which is a new twist to pronouncing dinosaur names, Oh My Stars-It's Mars which is a planetary rhyme with photos from NASA., My Room is Filled With Toads and Snakes which is what boys like and some girls don't, and What the World is Made of which is about molecules, atoms, electrons, protons, and neutrons.

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

On this page you should click the Nick Jr. Playtime box and then click the stories tab. Once you're on this screen click all stories at the bottom of the screen and you will get a listing of all the stories. These are simple little stories for kindergarten. All Blue's Clues Stoies are read out loud with the story words so are Dave the Brave, Little Stars Wish, Rumble Grumble, and The Grumpy Bug.

<http://www.tellitagan.com>

The longer version of The Boy Who Cried Wolf is very good. Voiced reading with the words.

<http://pbskids.org/>

You've probably been here before. There is so much to do. I like some of the stories but enjoy the games the most. The stories are not voiced and do have quite a lot of reading so there is no help. The writing activities are really quite difficult without an activity to get the child going. My favorite spot is "Between the Lions" because the games are all quite good. You might try: Look Out Below, ABC Cow, Word Play, Pounce, Gain's Word, Chicken Stacker, and Fuzzy Lion Ears. They are all phonics skills and language activities. I absolutely loved the two vowels go walking song and the homophones song if you click songs on the Between the Lions main page you can love them too.

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

Don't be fooled by the length of the first bear story. Some of the 9 stories on this page have only a few words on each page and are just fine for beginning readers. There is no help with the reading but some are so simple that a child will be fine for independent trials.

<http://hometown.aol.com/Bvsangl/pocket.html>

Please do not miss this poetry page. It is absolutely fabulous. I would say skip The Wick woks World and go right to The Poetry Corner. I'll say no more. Then try Guess What and Guess Who for short rhyming poems that give hints to solve the riddle. Some higher

order thinking skills going on here. Wait it isn't finished yet. Go to Finish it off for kids to practice with rhymes and analysis of how to finish the lines of poetry with the fourth line.

<http://www.kenseamedia.com/dungbeetle/index.html>

Click The Book of Bugs for some cute poetry with some very creative bugs. This site also has e-books full of adventure but they are really quite lengthy and high level of reading.

www.literacycenter.net/

This site is just fantastic for kindergarten. Please check it out. First click English, then choose from upper case, lower case, match upper to lower case, shapes, writing, words, numbers, colors, keyboard. I have used this site repeatedly with students to practice naming letters and numbers and practice color words. I kept track of improvement and it worked with just two days a week for 10 minutes of practice.

<http://www.sundhagen.com/babbooks/index.html>

There are 14 online stories here by new authors. There is no assistance with text. The stories range in reading level from 1-3 on varied subject matter. Most are short. If you go to "Other Resources" at the top of this page **Please** beware that most are not worth it and many are no longer at the given address. The only resources that may be appropriate to our curriculum are: The Ogre and The Pixie, Children's Stories, (Bedtime Story and Candlelight Stories) which have already been cited in this document.

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

There are 3 stories here that are rhyming stories. There is no assistance with the reading. They are short and reading level is 1-2.

<http://www.starfall.com>

Many of you are aware of this site. This is for early readers or remedial students. It is an interactive site where students get maximum assistance with reading. It is based on a Phonics/word family approach to reading. There are lots of activities for the kids. I have used it with grade one and remedial grade two students. They are very responsive to the site. You can choose a story or activity to support the phonics concept that you are currently teaching in a story or remediate a concept that is weak in a particular student. The stories are quite simple and logical. No surprises!

http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/mike_mulligan/activities.shtml

Go here for activities to support Mike Mulligan.

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

Kindergarten teachers this is quite an artful endeavor of the upper case letters in animated form. There are no words only the animals being created from the formation of the letters. It moves along quite quickly but it may be just what a child needs because it is so very visual.

<http://www.gardenofsong.com/index.html>

Kindergarten teachers do not have to play the piano because the piano plays for you at this site. Click on a nursery rhyme and the words are there plus the playing piano. The piano plays in the right voice range for kindergarten too. That is a real plus.

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

This is a Christian Learning Site. I have to show you the “Fun with Scarecrows” for activities and giving children ideas about how to create a scarecrow. Other areas on the main page that are secular and very worthwhile are: Mars, Declaration of Independence, President’s Day, Flag Day, The First Thanksgiving, My Little Friend, Lions and Tigers, Valentines Day, Enterprise Surprise, Purple Cow, Billy Goats Gruff, Columbus Day, Easter Eggs.

<http://www.magnificent-things.com/main.htm>

This is mostly poetry with no assistance for reading. They are simple poems, delightfully illustrated, and very relevant to young little minds. Grades one and two will be able to read many of these poems. The best places on the site are: Just Imagine, Silly Stuff, From the Heart, and Holiday Fun.