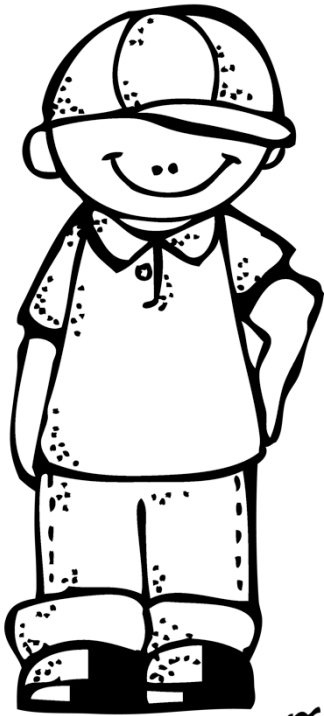


# WHY CAN'T WE SKIP READING TONIGHT?

**Student A reads 20 minutes each day. This equals 3600 minutes a school year. Student A will read approximately 1,800,000 words.**

**Student B reads 5 minutes each day. This equals 900 minutes in a school year. Student B will read approximately 282,000 words.**

**Student C reads 1 minute each day. This equals 180 minutes a school year. Student C will read approximately 8,000 words.**



**By the end of the school year, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days. Student B will have read only 12 school days. Which student do you expect to be the better reader? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)**

# READING ISN'T JUST ON PAPER

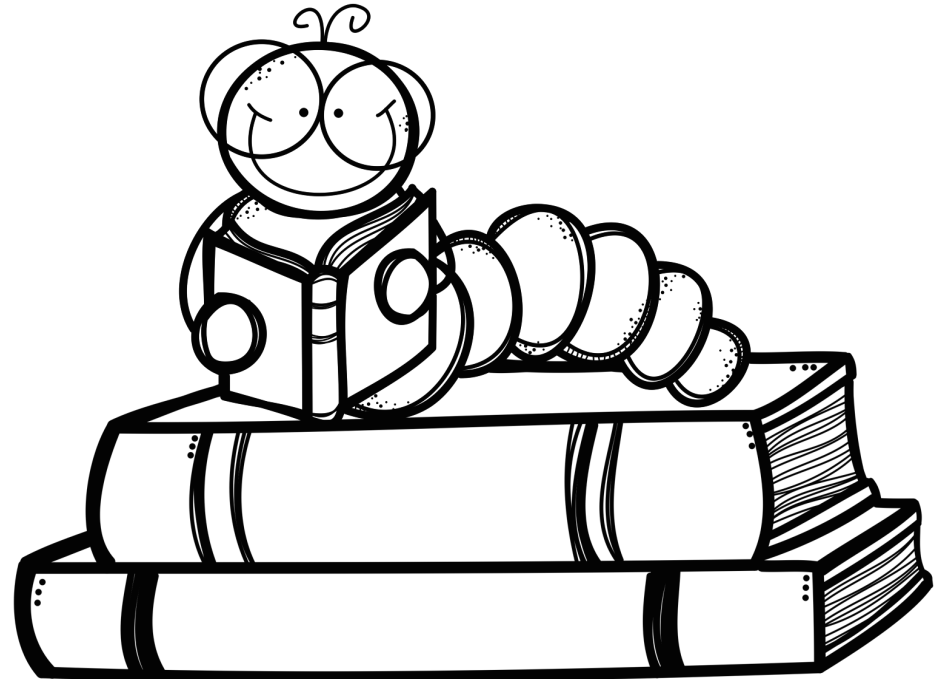
With all the new technology there are more ways to read than ever! Spark your child's interest by introducing them to digital reading using a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile device. Check out these great online resources for digital reading! Please note some of these resources are free and some require a subscription.

## FREE RESOURCES

- <http://www.starfall.com>
- <http://www.wegivebooks.org>
- <http://www.speakaboos.com>
- <http://www.storylineonline.net>
- <http://www.readtomely.com>
- <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/online-storytime-books-toys/379003588/>
- <http://en.childrenslibrary.org>
- <http://www.abcya.com>
- <http://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html>
- <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>
- <http://reading.ecb.org>
- <http://www.seussville.com>

## PAID RESOURCES

- <http://www.tumblebooks.com>
- <http://www.abcmouse.com>
- <https://www.readinga-z.com>
- <http://readingeggs.com>



# THE POWER OF SIGHT WORDS

Why are sight words so important? Sight words are words that don't typically follow a phonics pattern therefore, they can't be "sounded out". Sight words are words we must know from memory. If your child has a large repertoire of sight word knowledge their overall reading fluency will improve, which will in turn improve overall comprehension. There are many different ways to learn sight words, here are a few ideas! If you'd like a list of appropriate sight words for your child don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

- **Fridge Flash:** Tape sight words to the refrigerator, read them every time you are in the kitchen.
- **Stamp Them:** Use alphabet stamps to stamp out sight words, then read them.
- **Magnetic Letters:** Use magnetic letters to spell sight words on the refrigerator or any magnetic surface, then read them.
- **Popsicle Words:** Write sight words on popsicle sticks. Pull sticks out of a can, see how many you can read.
- **Finger paint:** Pour some finger paint on a plate. Use your finger (or have your child use theirs) to write the sight word and have your child read it.
- **Snowball Fight:** Crumple sight word cards into a ball. Have a snowball fight! Pick up snowballs and see how many you can read!
- **Chalk Words:** Write sight words with chalk on the driveway. Have your student hop from word to word, reading them aloud.
- **Word Swat:** Put sight word cards on a table, call out a word and have your student swat it with a fly swatter or slap it with their hand.

