



# Clayton READS!

Read your way to a brighter future!

Clayton County Public Schools desires for every student to graduate with the ability to read proficiently and critically in order to use knowledge to solve problems and to have a high quality of life.

## Important Facts about Reading:

- Third graders who are **not** reading at grade level are the most vulnerable to drop out of school later (Annie E. Casey Foundation).
- High school graduates who struggle with reading and writing are at risk of either not attending or dropping out of college or other post-secondary training opportunities due to not having the skills to meet the reading and writing demands. Not having a post-secondary degree and/or training may lead to limited employability skills and limited options in life.

## The Five P's of Successfully Supporting Learning at Home

- **Purpose:** Emphasize frequently to your child why he/she is in school and what learning means for his/her future.
- **Present:** Ensure your child is present every day and has the necessary supplies.
- **Place:** Secure a place at home that is conducive to reading, studying, and completing homework assignments.
- **Partnership:** Establish a strong partnership with the school to support positive outcomes for your child. Stay informed by ensuring your contact information is updated and that you have access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Attend parent academies or workshops hosted by the school or district.
- **Plan:** Have a plan for success! Encourage your child to set personal and academic goals and regularly revisit these goals to ensure he/she is on track for success. Check your child's grades regularly in Infinite Campus.







## Strategies for Supporting Literacy at Home

- ★ Emphasize the importance of your child reading and writing regularly to improve their ability to learn new concepts at school.
- ★ Set aside time each day at home for your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day. Use 1-2 of the resources below to support reading at home.
- ★ Parents are encouraged to read to their infants and toddlers daily to build their knowledge, vocabulary, and oral language skills.
- ★ Have your child write about what they are reading. Allow toddlers to engage in "practice writing," such as drawing and scribbling, and have children describe their writing to you to build their ability to express themselves.
- ★ Encourage your child to use the new vocabulary words they are adopting each day when writing and speaking.
- ★ Have a way to monitor if your child's reading and writing skills are improving. Look at classroom grades, assessment data, listen for more fluent and accurate reading and their ability to understand what they are reading. Students' writing should include the following: focused on a clear topic, related supported details, complete sentences, and correct grammar and punctuation.

## Free Instructional Resources to Support Reading & Writing at Home for K-12 Students

Supporting Our  
Earliest Learners:

<https://www.gpb.org/education/learn>  
[Zearn.org](https://www.zearn.org)

 <p>CLAYTON COUNTY <b>LIBRARY</b> SYSTEM <i>Rediscover the Library...</i></p>	<p><b>Clayton County Public Library (Grades PreK-12)</b> The public library offers both books and online resources. Request a digital library card by logging into the My CCPS portal at <a href="http://my.clayton.k12.ga.us">my.clayton.k12.ga.us</a> then click this link <a href="http://tinyurl.com/publiclibrarycard">tinyurl.com/publiclibrarycard</a>. Login using your library card number to access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Tumblebooks:</b> a collection of animated, talking picture books</li> <li>● <b>Tumblemath:</b> a collection of math stories that combine animation, narration, and sound to teach math skills</li> <li>● <b>eRead Kids:</b> ebooks and audiobooks for elementary and middle school students</li> <li>● <b>AudioBookCloud:</b> audiobooks for high school students that can be listened to online</li> <li>● <b>Libby:</b> ebooks and audiobooks for high school students</li> <li>● <b>Brainfuse:</b> homework help, online tutoring, and writing feedback</li> <li>● <b>Practice tests</b></li> </ul>
 <p>Does your child ever struggle with homework questions or completing assignments while they are working at home?</p>	<p><b>Grades K-12</b> Clayton County Public Schools proudly announces that students in K-12<sup>th</sup> grades, district-wide, now have access to Tutor.com at no cost to families! Students can login to their <b>Clayton County Rapid-Identity Portal account</b> and click the <b>Tutor.com link</b> to connect to a subject matter expert tutor in a secure online classroom, for one on one help in all subjects of math, science, history/social studies, English, and much more. Tutor.com even offers tutors to help students with study skills like taking notes, getting organized, and managing time. Tutor.com tutors help students with homework questions and class assignments. Login to Tutor.com each evening and get that homework done with success! Watch this video to learn more about this valuable service. <a href="https://youtu.be/tVe1ZR8LTuU">https://youtu.be/tVe1ZR8LTuU</a></p>
<p><b>Visit One of the District's Little Free Libraries</b></p>	<p>All students can visit any of the locations listed at the link below to grab a free book out of book stand: Click <a href="#">Here</a> for Location.</p>
 <p>Open a world of reading.</p>	<p><b>Grades K-12</b> <b>Sora</b> (<a href="http://www.soraapp.com">www.soraapp.com</a>) offers students access to over 400 digital and audiobooks! Through our partnership with Sora, we've made accessing the books simple! <b>To access, students will log into their Clayton County Public Schools' Rapid Identity Account at <a href="http://my.clayton.k12.ga.us">my.clayton.k12.ga.us</a> and click the icon for the Sora app.</b> From there, they can explore and select from a variety of books!</p>
	<p><b>Achieve3000 (Grades 9-12)</b> Provides targeted practice to increase students' reading levels using informational texts supporting development in fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and writing. To access, students will log into their Clayton County Public Schools' Rapid Identity Account at <a href="http://my.clayton.k12.ga.us">my.clayton.k12.ga.us</a> and click the icon for the Achieve3000.</p>
	<p><b>TIME for Kids ( Grades K-1, Grade 2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6 )</b> provides current event articles for students in grades K through 6. TIME for Kids nurtures today's learners and tomorrow's leaders with authentic news and the critical-thinking skills that shape active global citizens.</p>
	<p><b>Grades K-12</b> <b>Student News Daily</b> (<a href="https://www.studentnewsdaily.com/">https://www.studentnewsdaily.com/</a>) offers a wide-range of current event articles that are student-friendly in order to build students' knowledge of what is occurring in the world and to strengthen their critical thinking skills.</p>
<p><b>Supporting Learning in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies</b></p>	<p><b>Supporting English Language Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">The One Stop Literacy Shop for Parents (K-5)</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting Mathematics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Math at Home for Elementary</a> (mathematics)</li> <li>● <a href="#">Math Support websites for Parents</a> (mathematics)</li> <li>● <a href="#">Math at Home for Middle and High Parents and Students</a> (mathematics)</li> <li>● <a href="#">CCPS Mathematics Programs at a Glance</a> (mathematics)</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting All Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="https://www.gpb.org/education/learn/k-12-learning-plans">https://www.gpb.org/education/learn/k-12-learning-plans</a> (various subjects)</li> <li>● <a href="http://www.studiesweekly.com">www.studiesweekly.com</a> (social studies)</li> <li>● <a href="http://www.readwritethink.org/">http://www.readwritethink.org/</a> (various subjects)</li> <li>● <a href="http://www.khanacademy.org">www.khanacademy.org</a> (various subjects)</li> </ul>