

Parent Resources, Tips and Tricks
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Cores 1 & 2

- Helpful websites/apps
 - MeeGenius (read aloud & independent reading)
 - readingeggs.com
- Many resources are offered at County Public Libraries (LA, Ventura)
 - “Tumble Books”
 - Use free Story Time for read aloud
 - Audio books
 - Scholastic “Level It” App (ISBN # & scanner code)
 - Storia (used in conjunction with Scholastic Books for purchase)
 - Storybots (iPad app that costs \$)
- Smart strategies to get the job done
 - Read TO someone with Facetime (Grandma & Grandpa etc.)
 - Have kids record their own books on tape (they can hear themselves read and often will improve their fluency and expression)
 - Starfall.com (\$30 per year)
 - “Imagine Me” (Kickstarter: Your child is the star of the book)
 - Common Core State Standards: ReadTennessee.org
 - Story Time at Barnes & Noble for read aloud
 - Reluctant reader? Have high-interest content lying around for kids to “find”
 - Carry books everywhere (car, doctor’s office) for kids to engage instead of technology
- Curriculum Resources
 - Read Naturally (fluency and comprehension)
 - Bob Books

Core 3

- Many resources are offered at County Public Libraries (LA, Ventura)
 - Online check-out and renewal
 - Read to Service Dogs: First Saturday of each month

- Get a “teacher” library card for extended check-out intervals & a greater quantity of books to check out
- Helpful websites
 - lit2go
 - Starfall.com
 - Newsela.com (current event)
 - Brave writer (paid service)
 - Homeschoolbuyerscoop.com (described as a “Costco-like” site for homeschool parents)
 - Goodreads.com
 - Writopia (one family had a group of kids working together; a coach came out and worked with them)
 - Flocabulary.com (vocabulary)
 - Learning Alley (resource for kids with Dyslexia)
 - Teach with Movies
- Curriculum Resources
 - Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons
 - Words Their Way
 - Wordly Wise (Spelling)
- Content ideas to engage reluctant readers
 - Tongue twisters
 - Scripts
 - Drama
 - Music, singing song lyrics
- Smart strategies to get the job done
 - Read-aloud w/audio & iPad books during breakfast
 - Silent reading at breakfast
 - Use beautifully illustrated picture books to teach older kids; illustrations make good writing prompts for younger kids
 - Goodwill Bookstore (located at Océangate & Rosecrans)
- Teaching Kids Latin: Rosetta Stone, The Well-Trained Mind
 - Consider Checking a local, public library for Rosetta Stone