

## Your Local Library Network

## At Starfall, children have fun while they learn.

Starfall.com® is a free public service to teach children to read. The program, provided by the Starfall Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization, was conceived by Dr. Stephen Schutz. As a child, Stephen had difficulty learning to read due to dyslexia. He wanted to create a website with untimed, multisensory interactive games that allow children to see, hear, and touch as they learn.

Since it's opening in 2002, Starfall has expanded to include language arts and mathematics for preschool, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade. Starfall's emphasis on phonemic awareness, systematic sequential phonics, and common sight words in conjunction with audiovisual interactivity has proven effective in teaching emergent readers.

The program emphasizes exploration, play, and positive reinforcement—encouraging children to become confident and intrinsically motivated. Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children and is especially effective for special education, homeschooling, and English language development (ELD, ELL, ESL). It is widely used in schools that serve children with special needs and learning difficulties. The program expands the free content to include animated songs, mathematics, and reading activities spanning K-3.

To access Starfall, you will be prompted to input an access code: TB7H-1678-ZVCV-QQYF-PQJ7 - From there, you will be prompted to register with a username and password.

## Access Starfall here.

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