



Title One Reading - 1st Semester, 2020

Title reading started off the year at Delta Elementary by testing the entire Kindergarten through third grade. We use the Dibels program. This stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. This is a quick measure given one on one to all students so we are aware of students at-risk for reading problems. All students are given this in the beginning, middle, and end of the year. However, students who need interventions are also progress monitored once or twice a month. The following measures are part of Dibels: alphabet recognition, phonemic segmentation, nonsense word fluency, word reading fluency, oral reading fluency, and a component called Maze which checks comprehension.

WE CURRENTLY SERVE 14 THIRD GRADERS, 30 SECOND GRADERS, 34 FIRST GRADERS, AND 18 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR A TOTAL OF 96 STUDENTS. THE BEGINNING AND MID YEAR BENCHMARK DIBELS SCORES ARE USED ALONG WITH TEACHER INPUT, STAR TESTING, AND STATE TESTING TO DETERMINE STUDENTS WHO NEED TITLE SERVICES. THESE STUDENTS RECEIVE READING INTERVENTION SERVICES IN SMALL GROUPS OF THREE TO FIVE STUDENTS FOR 20 TO 25 MINUTES DAILY. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR CLASSROOM READING INSTRUCTION. STUDENTS ARE NEVER PULLED OUT DURING CORE INSTRUCTION. RATHER, IT IS DURING A TIME SET ASIDE FOR EXTRA INTERVENTION AND PRACTICE OF PREVIOUSLY LEARNED MATERIAL. THE GROUPS ARE FLUID WHICH MEANS THEY CAN CHANGE BASED UPON STUDENTS' NEEDS. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR HAS BEEN CHALLENGING BECAUSE OF COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS WE ARE KEEPING STUDENT GROUPS MAINLY WITH THEIR HOMEROOM CLASSES. PRIOR TO THIS YEAR, GROUPS WERE BASED UPON STUDENTS WITH SIMILAR READING LEVELS AND NEEDS. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO THIS WAY SOON BECAUSE IT BETTER BENEFITS THE STUDENTS.

During lessons students work on the five main elements of reading. This includes: phonemic awareness which is hearing sounds, phonics which is matching sounds to print, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Students in the older grades work more on fluency and comprehension. Students in the younger grades need a greater focus on phonemic awareness, phonics, and sight word instruction. We have some Leveled literacy intervention books which we use often. These stories are very engaging and promote a positive reading experience because they are at the students' reading levels.

Below are some recommended FREE resources parents can utilize to promote reading at home! Check them out!

1. Sesame Street:
Younger children will love everything about [Sesame Street's online home](#). They can watch hundreds of the show's video clips and play games that help them learn letters, animal sounds, rhymes, colors, and more.
2. Scholastic:
[Scholastic](#) is one of the more unique educational websites for kids. This site, from the publishers of the educational magazines you find in schools, contains activities organized by grade level. Kids from pre-K all the way up to high school can find learning activities geared toward them.
3. PBS Kids
Each of the educational shows your children watch on PBS has its own section on [PBSKids.org](#). Find sing-a-long songs, sorting and [counting games](#), bonus videos, and more.
4. National Geographic Kids
Watch animal web cams, learn interesting animal facts, see and share photos of nature, learn about different countries, try science experiments, and much more on [Kids.NationalGeographic.com](#).

There's also a "Little Kids" section for the younger explorers in your home.

5. Starfall

Starfall.com has been online since 2002. It's ad-free and offers learning games and activities for kids in pre-K through grade 3, covering math, reading, writing, and music, plus seasonal options.

6. The KIDZ Page

TheKidzPage.com has more than 5,000 pages of learning games and activities. Online coloring pages, jigsaw puzzles and word games are just a few categories on this massive site. Each holiday has its own section of activities and games to enjoy with your children.

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8. Storyline Online

Hundreds of online books available in a read-a-loud format.

9. Read Theory

Improve reading comprehension with Read Theory. Readtheory.org