

Tips on using Reading Kingdom

How to get the most out of your Reading Kingdom subscription and how to get your child to practice regularly.

Reading Kingdom is an amazing tool that can turn any child into a star reader. But for the program to work, children have to practice regularly. So we have compiled a list of tips to help you establish a regular Reading Kingdom schedule and stick to it.

- **Schedule:** The more regularly your child practices, the faster he or she will become a star reader. So make sure to set up a Reading Kingdom schedule that works for both you and your child. Pick a time of day when your child is alert and one that is available for practice 4-5 days/week.
- **Use a Calendar:** Put a calendar on the wall by the computer where your child practices the Reading Kingdom. Teach your child how to mark off each day when they have practiced. Kids love calendars and seeing how many sessions they've accomplished is a wonderful reward.
- **Missed Sessions:** If your child misses a session or two (or more due to a vacation or other interruption), get back onto your regular Reading Kingdom schedule as soon as possible.
- **The Room:** Make sure you have a quiet place for your child to use Reading Kingdom that has no distractions such as TV, radios, siblings, games, toys, etc.
- **The Set Up:** Make sure the computer is a comfortable one for your child. That means that the seat is at the right height, the mouse is large enough for your child to use and in a comfortable position, the screen is at the right height and so on. (Remember to use a mouse – touchpads and trackballs tend to be much harder for a child to use.)
- **Create a Positive Climate:** Make Reading Kingdom time a special time for your child. Tell your child how practicing Reading Kingdom is going to make them smarter and school easier. Give your child a lot of positive feedback each time they practice. At the same time, ignore any poor practice behavior.
- **Make it easy:** One of the great things about Reading Kingdom is that kids can often use it on their own after a few sessions. So set up your computer so that it's easy for your child to start the program. There are many different Internet browsers available (IE, Firefox, Chrome, Safari, Opera) and we recommend installing a different browser just for Reading Kingdom. That way your kids can use the program without affecting anything you may be reading or working on. We also suggest placing a link to Reading Kingdom on your desktop. Then your child can just double-click the link and get going.
- **Extending Out:** Encourage your child to read away from the program. This can include signs, posters, product packaging, etc. Children love when they see that they can read all kinds of words in many different settings.
- **Story Time:** Children love the fun, the coziness and the comfort of bedtime reading. Make reading time a nightly routine. If you'd like recommendations about books to take out of the library or buy, we have a whole range in our blog.
<http://www.readingkingdom.com/blog/>

- **Be a Model:** There is no better way to encourage reading than by setting a good example where your child sees you reading books, newspapers, and magazines. Consider reading or working quietly in the same room as your child when he or she is practicing the Reading Kingdom.
- **Understand the benefits:** There are enormous benefits to being a star reader. Reading opens up new worlds – and prevents a lot of problems from developing. These include doing well in school, getting a good job, having more opportunities in life, and learning about and understanding the world around you. It’s really helpful for both you and your child to understand these benefits.
- **Address problems quickly:** If your child experiences any problems in using the program (whether technical, educational, behavioral, or otherwise), contact us immediately. <http://www.readingkingdom.com/eTicket/>

One of the great things about Reading Kingdom is that you and your child will see results after just a few weeks of regular practice, and there is nothing like seeing progress to motivate your child to keep up the practice.