



Thank You --FNAME--!

I want to thank all who help make the Help Me 2 Learn Company successful. Our success is directly linked to the success of students that we help educate and we could not help those students without your help. Many thanks to you!



New Apps

We recently released a new app on Google Play for Android users. You can download this free app and all of our apps from <http://helpme2learn.com/school/apps> .

This Android app can be installed on almost any Android phone or tablet. The purpose of this **free** app is to make it easier for young children to access Super Star Online from an Android device. Once you enter the unique identifier for your subscription to Super Star Online and enter the user name and password, the child only needs to click on the icon for the app to enter the Super Star Online site.

This app **does require** that the user have a subscription to Super Star Online (either from a school subscription or a home subscription) and this app only works on our HTML5 courses (Beginning Reading with Phonics, Phonics 1a and Phonics 1b). However, this app does come with a free 7-day trial for those who do not have a current subscription.

We are working on the same app for iPad and iPhone users and hope that will be available sometime in December. We are also working on updating all of our courses to HTML5, but that is a very slow process.

Teachers can use our app to access our Teacher and Admins Resources course using their teacher account login.

Facebook and the World Record Speed Round Challenge

The Help Me 2 Learn Company has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HelpMe2Learn), We occasionally make posts, but for the most part, we rely on our monthly newsletter to keep our friends and family (customers) updated about changes and updates to our software. Now we finally have something to post on Facebook; our **World Record Speed Round Challenge** records.

On a somewhat weekly bases, I will post the world record holder in one of the nine Speed Round Challenges. This week I posted the records for the Consonants "QRST" speed round showing **Noah Knight** as the current record holder with a score of 26. It is interesting that this speed round ihas several low scores in the top 10, meaning that it would not be that hard to get on the top 10 board for this speed round.



To enter this challenge, your kids would need to login to Super Star Online and be assigned to Phonics 1b as one of their courses. They would then need to navigate to the QRST Speed Round. One of the easiest ways to find the speed rounds is to click on the star near the bottom center of the screen to go the to Super Star screen. Click on the Speed Round button to the right of the Super Star to view the speed rounds. Click on the QRST speed round button to go to the Consonants "QRST" speed round screen.

To view the top scores, click on the Leader Board near the bottom right side of the screen.

World Record* Speed Round Challenge				
Class	School	State	Country	World
1.	Noah Knight		USA	26
2.	Patrick Caceres		USA	24
3.	David Hovhannisyan		USA	19
4.	Kasha Brown		USA	19
5.	Alexander Ghannem		USA	9
6.	Valencia Brown		USA	9
7.	Nivea Boateng		USA	2
8.	Jasmine Tsadourian		USA	2
9.	David Shakhmirzaian		USA	2
10.	Dia Bales		USA	1

World Record for QRST as of November 27, 2017

The student would complete the Speed Round as quickly as possible earning a high score. When they complete the challenge, their record will be shown on the Leader Board if their score is in the top 10. If their score is in the top 10 for their class, their score will show on the Class tab. If they have the highest score in their class, they can (with your approval) print a first place certificate.

If their score is the highest in your school, they can print a first place

school certificate. If their score is the highest in your state, they can print a first place state certificate. If their score is the highest in the United States of America (or your country), they can print a country certificate. And finally, if their score is the best in the **world**, they can print a **World Record** certificate.



Kids can print a certificate for any first place achievement

Kids can improve their speed round scores by spending time in our "Learn the Words" section to build their knowledge of the words used in the speed rounds. Our intention is as always to get kids excited about learning. We believe that this competition will help create that excitement.

Students can answer the questions by clicking on the answer or they can use the keyboard (only the numbers across the top row of the keyboard, then number pad keys cannot be used).

If you work with special need kids or kids that don't like this kind of competition, you can turn this feature off by sliding the toggle button on the blue speed round sign. It will go back to a normal speed round.

This challenge only works on Windows or Mac computers (with Flash browsers) and does not work on our HTML5 version at this time.

I hope that this challenge will bring more attention to our speed rounds, I know that some classes never use our speed rounds. We are considering adding more high score lists to our speed rounds and maybe one World Records Speed Round Challenge in each of our courses that have speed rounds.

We hope that your kids enjoy our new World Records Speed Round Challenge and that you have the World Record Champion in your class or school. This will also make a great whole class activity. I would love to hear from you about this new feature of Super Star Online.

If you know the student who holds the world record for a speed round, we would love to have you write us and tell us what school they attend. We are considering awarding prizes at the end of the school year.

We plan to post the leaders of one of the nine World Records on Facebook. You can also use our Facebook account to view our past newsletters.

Letter to Parents

If you haven't already sent a letter home to the parents of your kids, this might be a very good time to do this. Kids can access Super Star Online at home (and now we have a new app that many of them can use on their Android devices).

You can find our Sample Letter to Parents on our web site at: www.HelpMe2Learn.com/support/online (in both English and Spanish) or you can find the letters in our Teacher & Admins Resource course. You also can use the one below. Please feel free to modify this to suit your needs.

Sample Letter to Parents:

Dear Family members and/or Caregiver,

Your School is currently subscribed to a series online (Internet based) reading, phonics, and math programs called Super Star Online by Help Me 2 Learn.

The core of the programs; the Super Star Phonics Reading System has been designed and is based upon the principles of phonemic awareness. The Super Star Phonics Reading System is based on 30 years of large-scale scientific reading research. What is phonemic awareness? Phonemic awareness is the ability to notice, think about, and work with the individual sounds in spoken words. Before children learn to read print, they need to become aware of how the sounds in words work. They must understand that words are made up of speech sounds, or phonemes. Your child has been assigned the appropriate courses based on their current skills.

You can access Super Star Online by typing the following address in the address line of your browser of almost any computer connected to the internet by DSL or cable.

<http://www.superstaronline.com/yourschool> (please change yourschool to the Url for your school)

Your child's user name is: **first initial and last name (or whatever you used)**

Your child's password is: **star or whatever you used**

If your child is in Kindergarten or First Grade, you can also install the Super Star Online app by Help Me 2 Learn by going to the Google Play store and searching for Super Star Online. This app will allow you to use some of the courses on an Android device.

Parental Involvement - Super Star Online offers an excellent opportunity for parents to become more involved and better understand their child's lessons. As a parent, you can use the same login as your child to access the reports of the child's progress. Simply login using the child's username and password, click on one of the programs assigned to your child, then click on the super star in the bottom center of the screen. You can then see the stars that your child has earned for that program. You can also click on the details button to see a detailed report. You can also click on the print button (on the bottom menu) to print the report.

We hope that you will take advantage of this valuable resource that can make learning enjoyable and fun for your child. We believe that you will also find the online courses will provide you with a valuable tool to become more aware of what your child is learning and give you an easy to use and engaging way for you to help your child succeed.

Sincerely,

Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays to all. We appreciate your business.

