

## Top 10 Features and Benefits of Super Star Online by Help Me 2 Learn

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2. **Feature:** Super Star Online offers language arts courses with a blended phonics approach to learning to read
3. **Feature:** *Super Star Online uses the "Super Star Data Tracking and Motivational System"*
4. **Feature:** *Easy to Use and Makes Learning Easy*
5. **Feature:** Use of many different types of media to fit the learning styles of learners.
6. **Feature:** Optional Teacher and Parents Features
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8. **Feature:** Multi Cultural Characters Appeal to Kids
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10. **Feature:** Fidelity and Professional Development available in Pro version

### 1. Feature: "Your Kids will Love Learning with Super Star"

1. **Benefit:** While it is true that learning cannot always be fun and games, it is also true that whenever possible, learning that is fun and games will help capture student's attention, keep them interested longer, help them retain the information and help them have a better experience with their teacher and school. We believe that engaging students and challenging students to learn should be a priority for instruction. That is why "Kids will Love Learning with Super Star". Our objective is to balance fun with meaningful educational instruction.

### 2. Feature: Super Star Online offers language arts courses with a blended phonics approach to learning to read

2. **Benefit:** Over the years, there has been a debate among educators (and parents) about the best approach to teach reading. The phonics approach dates to at least the work of Favell Lee Mortimer in 1834. Over the years, many educators who have criticized the "phonics approach" have adopted the "whole language approach".

Using modern technology, we are able to offer a **blended approach** to learning the English language. In our unique "**Learn the Words**" activities, we are able to show a picture depicting the word. We are able to show the whole word and the sound of the word that students can hear as many times as they like. Moreover, we are able to show the sounds (phonemes) in (Elkonin) boxes with the sounds that make up the words. Students can move their cursor or finger through the boxes to blend the sounds to make the word sound.

### 3. Feature: *Super Star Online uses the "Super Star Data Tracking and Motivational System"*

3. **Benefit:** While fun and engaging learning is great, our "Super Star Motivational and Data Tracking System" helps make completing all of the activities, presentations, songs and games a game within a game while giving students, teachers and administrators valuable data about the student's progress.

As the student answers each question, the correct and incorrect answers are displayed, giving the student immediate feedback, which is critical in helping the student understand the material and motivating the student to complete the activity or game. Once the student completes the activity or game, the purple star will turn silver if there were some mistakes or the star will turn gold if there were no mistakes. The student can then go on to the next activity or they can click on the star to go to the "Super Star Page" to see how many stars they have earned. Teachers have the option of controlling how many mistakes a student can make and still earn a gold star. Students who make too many mistakes can repeat the activity until they do earn a gold star. Some stars are easy to earn (such as listening to a song or presentation) and some stars are more challenging. We find that most students get excited when they earn a gold star and love our simple system.

Additional reports can be accessed by teachers and administrators to track student progress, pre and posttest results and usage reports.

**4. Feature:** *Easy to Use and Makes Learning Easy*

**4. Benefit:** We designed Super Star Online to be easy to use and to make learning easier. Most of our courses are designed much like a book with a table of contents and a back and next button on every screen/page. Students can use our navigation bar to click on the next button to go on to the next activity or they can use the Super Star page to navigate on an activity. We are always thinking simple, user friendly and fun.

Our activities break learning down into easy to learn lessons. We feature most lessons with a song that teaches a concept, our "Learn the Words" vocabulary building activity with a speed round, and an activity or game. Sometimes we use our Super Star Kids to give the students additional lesson instruction. We also offer our Users' Guide and Lesson Plans to help teachers understand the contents of each lesson and the objectives and words that are covered in the lesson.

**5. Feature:** Use of many different types of media to fit the learning styles of learners.

**5. Benefit:** Research shows that students respond to different approaches to learning in different ways. Our courses are rich in multimedia content so that they can appeal to students over a wide variety of learning styles. Our courses are rich in the use of: pictures, words, sounds, speech, songs, games, animations and interactivity that are all combined to make an engaging learning experience for almost any student. Our courses can be especially appealing to students who don't have access to instruction that best fits their style of learning.

**6. Feature:** Optional Teacher and Parents Features

**6. Benefit:** Our courses are designed for students, but we have added many features specifically to help teachers use the courses in the classroom or computer lab and to offer parents the opportunity to use the courses at home with their child.

Our teacher features include: a Users' Guide and Lesson Plans, Class Summary Report, Detailed Student Report, Pre- and Posttest Summary Report, Pre- and Posttest Detail Report, Class and Student Management and Course Usage Report. Many teachers don't have the time to use all of our features, but for those who want more control and a more personalized learning experience for their students, the optional features are there and easy to use.

Since Super Star Online is web based, it can be used almost anywhere that there is an internet connection. Students can use the same link that they use at school to access the course from home. We encourage parents to use the courses at home with their child and offer a Parent button that allows the parents to view the course in a practice mode. Parents can become familiar with the lesson and practice the words and games with their child. Once the parent believes that the child is ready, the parent can exit the parent mode and let the child earn their stars.

**7. Feature:** Standards and Research Based

**7. Benefit:** While we strive to make learning fun and engaging, the content of the lessons is also important as it must relate to the lessons teachers are teaching and the state standards. The courses included in Super Star Online are either correlated to state standards or based specifically on those standards. Our research reports show the research behind our courses and our effectiveness studies show "real world" results and the effectiveness of our courses. Many of the standards are available in our User's Guide and Lesson Plans. Our standards correlations are also available online at <http://helpme2learn.com/school/standards>. Our research reports are available at: <http://helpme2learn.com/school/research>.

**8. Feature:** Multi Cultural Characters Appeal to Kids

**8. Benefit:** Kids can relate to our multi-cultural kids characters, which are used in many of the activities and presentations. Our main stars are our "Super Star Kids", which are a group of eight elementary age characters used in our elementary courses. For older kids, we feature our young adult characters that appeal to older students along with our adult coaches. We find this approach makes our courses appealing to students of many different ages and ethnic backgrounds.

**9. Feature:** Can be Effectively Used for Classroom Instruction, Computer Lab Instruction, Individual Use, ESL, Remedial Tutoring and Home Instruction

**9. Benefit:** The courses of Super Star Online are very versatile and can fit almost any learning environment with a computer (some courses can be accessed on a tablet) which is connected to the Internet.

- Classroom Instruction: Probably the most effective use of our courses is using the courses in the classroom. Teachers can use our lessons displayed by a projector to give students a different look at the topics they are covering in their lesson plan. This can include sing-a-long activities, interactive presentations where students answer questions by raising their hand or fingers or letting the students click the mouse to answer questions. Teachers can be especially effective in helping students build their vocabulary with our "Learn the Words" activities by helping students sound out the words and understand the meaning of the words. When our games and activities are used in the classroom, the students are able to compete with each other or a team and classroom learning becomes super fun. Teachers can then let student complete the lessons on workstations or in the computer lab. For an example of classroom use go to:  
<https://youtu.be/hUIUtoLWALc>.
- Computer Lab Instruction: Super Star Online courses most often used in school computer labs. Computer lab instructors usually coordinate with the teachers to cover the courses most helpful to the student or the topics currently covered in the class.
- Individual Use: All of our courses are designed with the individual use in mind. Our easy to use features allow students to complete a course with very little help from a teacher or parent, though we believe that teachers and parents can help reinforce the lesson and make sure the student fully understands the material. With Super Star Online, students can complete the lessons at their own pace and use the courses at school or at home.
- ESL: Our courses can be especially helpful to students where English is a second language. While we have special Spanish instructions versions of some of our courses, our simple to understand lessons and especially our "Learn the Words" vocabulary building activities can help students of many different languages learn new words by our picture, word and sounds associations.
- Remedial Tutoring: Reading Specialist and Special Needs teachers frequently use our courses to help struggling students who need remedial instruction or specialized personalized instruction.
- Home Instruction: Parents sometimes feel like they are unable to help their child with their homework and don't understand what their child is learning at school. Our lessons allow parents to use our lessons at home to log in with their child and enter the "Parent Mode" where parents can review the instruction and lessons with their child in a practice mode. Parents can then exit the parent mode and let the child complete the lesson without help. This allows parents a strong connection to the school, the teacher and the student and helps the parent become more involved in the education of the child. The key to this experience is that the parent can easily understand the lessons given to the child. In some cases, parents are able to improve their language and math skills while helping their child.

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**10. Feature:** Fidelity and Professional Development available in Pro version

**10. Benefit:** Besides our Super Star Online standard version, we also offer Super Star Online – Pro. The purpose of Super Star Online - Pro is to improve student performance and results by providing advanced professional development support to principals, site administrators, computer lab teachers, classroom teachers and parents.

The additional professional development features include:

- Implementation (fidelity): Once HM2L receives your purchase order, we will work with your site administrator to insure that Super Star Online is ready for use as soon as possible. We will import the students and teachers into the system for you (from your provided file) and assign our recommended courses to your classes. We will help prepare a notice to the teachers and parents of the link and the user name and password.
- Site Administrator Training: HM2L will schedule a 30 minute to 1 hour video conference or phone call with the site administrator(s) to explain and demonstrate the features and controls of the site.
- Teacher Training: Within 30 days from the start, HM2L will schedule a 30 minute to 1 hour video conference or phone call with your teachers to explain and demonstrate our teacher features.
- Teacher Training Follow-up: Within 60 days from the start, HM2L will schedule a 30 minute to 1-hour video conference or phone call with your teachers to answer questions and review any features needed. This call will focus on usage and how the courses are used at the school. This call will also focus on encouraging parents to use the courses at home with their child.
- Site Review and Post-test Preparation: Approximately 30 days before the end of school, HM2L will schedule a 30 minute to 1-hour video conference or phone call with your teachers to encourage them to complete all the post-tests and review their experiences with using the courses over the school year.
- Administrative Performance Review: Approximately 10 days before the end of school, HM2L will schedule a 30-minute call with the site administrator and administration to review the usage (fidelity) report, the progress reports and the assessment reports along with any school tests to determine the effectiveness of the courses and their fit with the school.

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