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Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA)

I receive a number of emails from education marketing and related sites, (I am sure you do as well). Many of them are reporting **record funds available** (the money is flowing), giving me the expectation that anyone who wants Super Star Online, should be able to find funds for a subscription.

The hope is that we can make up for some of the loss of this last year and that schools will have all the resources they need to do that. We found that engaging technology, (such as Super Star), was important for distance learning and will continue to be important as students go back to school and try to make up for lost time.

Many schools have invested in distance learning devices. However, those devices are only as good as the software that runs on them. We are proud to offer high quality **evidence-based** courses that make that investment an effective investment.

If any of you need our assistance in finding funds or finding documentation for grants, please let me know. You can find many of our funding resources at <https://helpme2learn.com/title1>.

Below is one report that I received about the availability of funds:

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) that was signed into law. Through this program, educators, including state and local governments, can access a second round of COVID-19 relief funds for K-12 schools. These funds are available for costs dating back to March 2020 and include any costs accrued through January 2022.

There are \$54 billion in funds, more than 4x as much as the initial funding, distributed to each state based on need.

Qualified educational costs must fall within one of the following categories:

- **Resources and network capacity needed to conduct remote and hybrid learning**
- **After-school and summer learning programs**
- **Evidence-based solutions to learning loss, including assessments**
- Coordination tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19

- **Tools that address the needs of disadvantaged students**
- Staff sanitation training and sanitation supplies to disinfect schools
- Mental health support and resources
- Device sustainability
- Cybersecurity
- School facility repair, especially ventilation systems

(as reported by Amy Olimpo, District Administration)

Breaking Up is Hard to Do

Last month, I asked for your opinion about making some of our courses into smaller, more focused courses. Many thanks to those who took the time to respond.

The answer was that this would be best to split the courses. We are now strongly considering this and how we might split the courses into mini courses. Here is an example of how we might split Phonics 1a and Phonics 1b:

Phonics 1a
1a - Short Vowels
1a - Long Vowels
1a - Y as a Vowel & Review
Phonics 1b
1b - Consonants BCDF & GHJK
1b - Consonants LMNP, QRST & VWXYZ
1b - Consonants Review
1b - Consonant Sight Words

Phonics 2b might be split into 9 mini courses:

Phonics 2b
2b - Syllables
2b - R Controlled Vowels
2b - Vowel Spellings
2b - 3 Letter Blends
2b - Ending Blends
2b - Regular and Irregular Plurals
2b - Complete and Incomplete Sentences
2b - Reading
2b - Review

We currently have 10 courses available. We have 4 more courses that we are working on that will be converted to HTML5, for a total of 14 courses. If we use the proposed plan to split the courses, we would have **76 mini courses**.

My expectation is that we would offer the site administrator of each school, the choice between the current courses or the mini courses. We appreciate any comments that you might have.

To view our proposed mini course list, click on the link below.

[Proposed New Mini Course List](#)

Course Usage Reports

As we get closer to the end of the school year, it is time to remind you that you might want to save your **Course Usage Reports**.

If you are a teacher, sign in with your teacher account and click on **Reports**. To print the page, right-click and select print. You can also copy the parts of the report that you want and paste them into a document.

If you are the site administrator, you can sign in and click on **Reports**. You also have a button to Export the report.

We hope that you are using these and our other reports all year long to track the progress of your students. These reports may help when it comes time to renew your subscription and show that your kids are using the Super Star Online courses. Please remember that the reports reset on July 1.

Classes	Students	Reports
Course Usage Report (minutes) (current school year)		
Class	Total	Course Times
Class: 1st	143	Beginning Reading with Phonics: 39 Games of Math 1 - Addition and Money: 88 Letters and Numbers: 6 Phonics 1a - Vowel Sounds: 6 Phonics 2a - Intermediate Level: 4
Class: Open Math Demo	3	Games of Math 1 - Addition and Money: 3
Class: Full Demo	63	Games of Math 1 - Addition and Money: 3 Letters and Numbers: 6 Phonics 1a - Vowel Sounds: 54
Class: Teacher Resources	0	No courses
Class: Math1	4	Games of Math 1 - Addition and Money: 4



Our "Ring the Cowbell" Promotion is Back

Many of you might have met us at one of the educational conferences where we exhibited Super Star Online and played "Ring the Cowbell". You may even remember how much fun it was to play our game, win a prize, and ring the cowbell.

Our "Ring the Cowbell" game is back and available online from our website. Please remember that this is a promotion designed to bring new customers to us. Our prizes are introductory prices for a subscription to Super Star Online. Our game is not intended for

current customers, though you can play our practice spin. We have prizes for the full school and prizes for teachers and their classrooms.

To play our "Ring the Cowbell" game, go to:
<https://HelpMe2Learn.com/cowbell> Have fun!! Please pass this link along.

Language Arts Review 3a - April Update

Lesson 8: Review Games has been added to Language Arts Review 3a. Eight of the eight lessons are now available.

We are still working on the Pre-test and Posttests as well as some teacher features and reports.

We will begin working on **Phonics 2b** in May. We might offer the first lesson as a mini course.

- Dan Sheffield

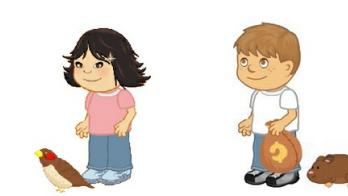


The screenshot shows the main menu of the Language Arts Review 3a software. The title "Language Arts Review 3a Super Star Student" is at the top. Below it are eight categories of games:

- 1. Word Families/Patterns
 - Coach Time
 - 20 Learn the Words
 - Long Jump Game
- 2. Syllables
 - Coach Time
 - 11 Learn the Words
 - Board Breaking
- 3. Antonyms/Synonyms
 - Coach Time
 - 0 Learn the Words
 - Down Hill Ski
- 4. Homophones/Homographs
 - Coach Time
 - 14 Learn the Words
 - Tricky Word Tennis
- 5. Classifying/Sorting
 - Coach Time
 - 20 Learn the Words
 - Slam Dunk Game
- 6. Prefixes/Suffixes
 - Coach Time
 - 16 Learn the Words
 - Cross Country Race
- 7. Reading Comprehension
 - Coach Time
 - 0 Learn the Words
 - Kayaking Adventure
- 8. Review Games
 - Motocross Race
 - Sports Game Show

A progress bar at the bottom indicates 5% completion. Below the progress bar are three achievement icons: a gold star for 5/9, a silver star for 6/7, and a bronze star for 15 SPEED ROUND 3/7. At the bottom of the screen are navigation buttons: Back, Menu, Chart, Details, Tests, Print, and Exit.

Common Grade Levels for Super Star Online Courses:

Grade	Course Titles
Pre-K	 Letters and Numbers Silly Pictures
Kindergarten	 Letters and Numbers Silly Pictures Beginning Reading with Phonics Silly Sentences Phonics 1a - Vowel Sounds Phonics 1b - Consonant Sounds
First Grade	 Beginning Reading with Phonics Silly Sentences Phonics 1a - Vowel Sounds Phonics 1b - Consonant Sounds Phonics 2a - Intermediate Level Games of Math 1 - Addition & Money Games of Math 2 - Subtraction & More *
Second Grade	 Phonics 2a - Intermediate Level Phonics 2b - Intermediate Level II * Games of Math 1 - Addition & Money Games of Math 2 - Subtraction & More * Games of Math 3 - Multiplication
Third Grade	 Phonics 2b - Intermediate Level II * Language Arts Review 3a - Advanced Level Language Arts Review 3b - Advanced Level II * Games of Math 1 - Addition & Money Games of Math 2 - Subtraction & More * Games of Math 3 - Multiplication
Fourth Grade	 Phonics 2b - Intermediate Level II * Language Arts Review 3a - Advanced Level Language Arts Review 3b - Advanced Level II * Games of Math 3 - Multiplication Games of Math 4 - Division & Fractions *
Fifth Grade and higher	 Language Arts Review 3a - Advanced Level Language Arts Review 3b - Advanced Level II * Games of Math 3 - Multiplication Games of Math 4 - Division & Fractions *
Teacher and Admins	Teacher and Admins Resources Super Star Movies

Note: courses marked with * require Flash and are not available at this time.



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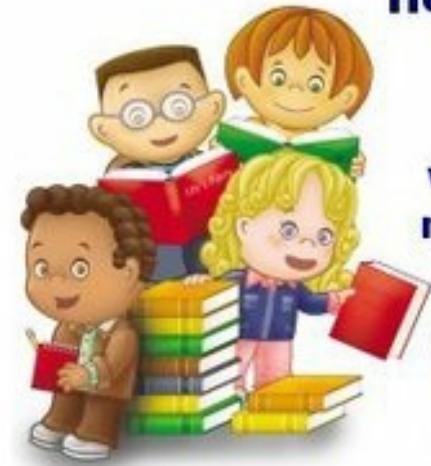


for your business!

As this very challenging school year comes to a close, I want to thank all of you for the important and hard work that you do. Thank you to those teachers who try to make their lessons fun and engaging. Thank you for your comments, suggestions, and encouragement. Thank you for recommending us to others. **Thank you**

Need a Quote?

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