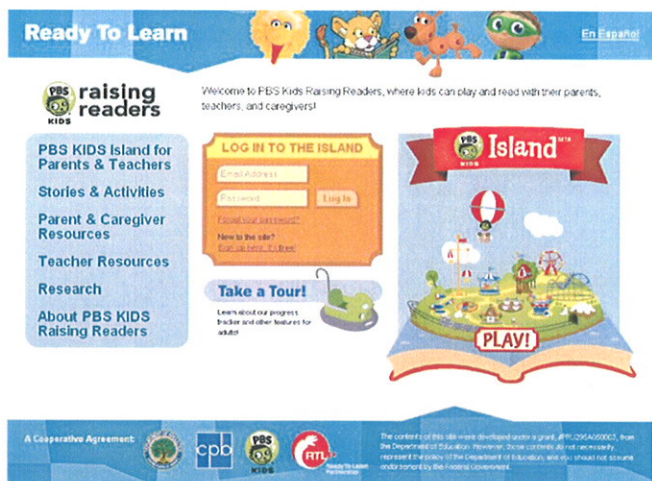




PARENTS, A FREE READING RESOURCE FOR YOU!

During the school day, your child is engaging in fun and educational reading games on PBS KIDS Island!



PBS KIDS Island gives children the tools to build an online island carnival by playing reading games with PBS KIDS® characters. Providing a familiar and comfortable environment for emerging readers, the research-based program guides children through eight different literacy-building levels, including phonological awareness, letter recognition, letter sequencing, phonemic awareness, word families, phonics-decoding, text comprehension, and vocabulary. PBS KIDS Island is currently serving the needs of children ages 2-5, with plans to offer content for children ages 6-8 in 2009.

You can access the Island at www.readytolearnreading.org.

You can sign up for your own family account, or you can use the account I have already set up for your child by using the following login information:

Email Address: _____

Password: _____

Once you log in, you can access our group by selecting the "Play Now" button. Your son or daughter will be able to find their account and begin playing games.

You can track their progress through the Child Progress Tracker on the site to see how the games can help them learn valuable reading skills! Remind your child to use their account and not to play in their classmates' spaces.

As your child plays PBS KIDS Island, he or she is practicing important literacy skills. The site is built on a literacy framework, based on the National Reading Panel guidelines and funded by a Ready To Learn Grant from the U.S. Department of Education and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.