

# Case Study: 77% of At-Risk 3rd Graders Advance to 4th Grade After Three Weeks Using Reading Eggs at Summer Camp



In June 2024, North Carolina Virtual Academy (NCVA) faced a critical challenge: 72 third-grade students were at risk of not advancing to fourth grade due to low reading proficiency.

NCVA's innovative solution? A three-week summer camp featuring [Reading Eggs](#), our ESSA-certified online reading program that turned the tide for these young learners.

## The challenge: Bridging the literacy gap for at-risk 3rd graders

NCVA identified students who required additional reading support based on the following criteria:

- Students who scored below 540 on either the End-of-Grade (EOG) or Read to Achieve (RTA) assessment.
- Students with a Lexile level below 725.
- Students who met the Lexile threshold but showed areas for improvement on other assessments.

## The solution: Strategic implementation of Reading Eggs in a three-week summer program

NCVA designed a three-week program incorporating **daily 30-minute sessions** of the Reading Eggs suite - our comprehensive solution fully aligned with the **Science of Reading**, including:

- **Fast Phonics:** A systematic synthetic phonics program that reinforces foundational skills for both early readers and older students with gaps in their knowledge.
- **Reading Eggs:** Provides explicit, systematic instruction through personalized, engaging lessons covering essential literacy skills.
- **Reading Eggspress:** Enhances comprehension, spelling, fluency, vocabulary and grammar skills for students in Grades 2-5 through interactive activities and games.

The camp primarily used Reading Eggspress, while incorporating Reading Eggs and Fast Phonics to provide additional practice for students with gaps in their knowledge.

## Data-backed success: Quantifiable improvements in reading proficiency



After just three weeks of Reading Eggs instruction, the results were astounding:

- **77% of students successfully advanced to fourth grade after the summer camp.**
- **73% demonstrated growth on the Dibels 8th Edition Reading Assessment.**
- **86% of Reading Eggspress users experienced Lexile level improvements.**
- **Students completed an impressive 427 Reading Eggspress lessons.**

## Educator perspectives: Engagement, enthusiasm and measurable progress

The impact of Reading Eggs extended beyond the numbers. NCVA Principal Kelly Shanahan and educators observed increased engagement and enthusiasm among students:

"It's important for young learners to have the time, resources and support needed to develop their reading skills," said Shanahan. "We're proud of the students for putting effort into these vitally important skills that will carry them into the future. When asked which camp session was their favorite, the majority of students voted for Reading Eggs."

"The reports helped me see how much time they are spending on the program, their growth and what types of lessons they were on... I looked at the Time on Task report to shout out the 'rockstars' who went above and beyond on their time requirement."

- Stephanie Griffin, Teacher

**These results confirm Reading Eggs as a powerful tool for targeted intervention, summer learning programs and year-round curriculum enhancement!**

Transform your students' reading journey with Reading Eggs – the catalyst for literacy success, proven by NCVA's remarkable summer turnaround.

[Learn more about Reading Eggs today!](#)

