

Dear Families,

In the primary grades students make tremendous progress in the area of literacy. Students at this age can vary tremendously in their skill level with some students working in the early stages of reading, while others are well on their way to being fluent readers and making connections with the text. What matters the most is that we support them in their growth and learning where they are at. To support growth in reading it is important that students have an opportunity to read books at their level. This means that they are reading books that aren't too hard, but also not too easy.



**This is a challenging time for parents and helping your child to read books at an appropriate reading level is likely something that seems overwhelming. We have a tool that can help you!** Raz-Kids is currently offering free access at this time. The great thing about this online tool is that students can access it from home. You can access it on a computer or tablet. It includes options for students to read the story themselves, hear the story read aloud to them and provides opportunities for them to complete comprehension questions at the end of each book once they have moved beyond the first level. There are both fiction and non-fiction titles for students to choose from.

### How to Access Raz-Kids



1) You can go to the website [www.kidsa-z.com](http://www.kidsa-z.com) and click on Kids Login. Students are then prompted to enter in their teacher's username which is **jwallace96**. Your child can then find their name on the class chart (first name). After clicking on your child's name, your child then needs to enter their password. Your child's password will be their **first name**.



2) Or, you can download the Kids A-Z app from the app store and follow the login instructions above.

Once students are in their profiles, they can click on "Reading Room." This will take them to a screen that shows several books that are available for them to read.



Clicking on the headphones will allow the child to hear the story read aloud to them. Clicking on the book will allow them to scroll through the book themselves and work on reading it independently. Once they have read the book, they can click on the question mark and they will be prompted to answer some comprehension questions.

While your child may need you to sit with them for the first time while they use this tool, most children learn to navigate it independently in a short period of time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I will be monitoring the number of books each student is reading and from time to time, I will move them to a higher level. If you feel your child should move up a level sooner or if you feel the assigned level is too difficult, please just let me know.

Sincerely,  
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