

## Subject #6: Language Arts

**Project #60: Online Sustained Silent Reading Sites.** The internet offers a wide variety in reading websites, enough that every student can find something they'll like. Pick six websites with stories that can be completed in 5-10 minutes. List them on the class internet start page. Be sure they are ad-free so students aren't distracted.

Higher-order thinking skills	Technology-specific:	Subject Area/ Learning-specific	Standard: NETS-S
<i>Comprehend (understand info, grasp meaning)</i>	<i>Internet basics</i>	<i>How to use website addresses How to use links, favorites</i>	<i>1.c, 2.b</i>

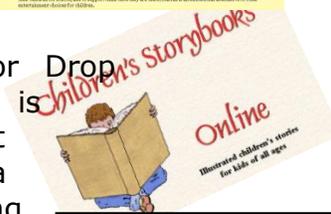
Grade level: K-2  
 Prior knowledge: Internet Basx  
 Time required: 10-15 minutes  
 Software required: internet browser  
 Vocabulary: links, website address, favorites, SSR,

### Lesson Description

- Research has shown that reading ability is positively correlated with the extent to which students read recreationally.
- Sustained Silent Reading (or Drop Everything and Read—DEAR) is a period of uninterrupted quiet reading. It is based upon a single simple principle: Reading is a skill. And like all skills, the more you use it, the better you get at it.

### Computer Activity

- Set aside a 10-15 minute period of time every week when all students do is read, but unlike the traditional approach, they select a story on the internet.
- Provide a list of websites (see below) that are appropriate. Give them one minute to select a story and get started.
- Students must read a story-oriented website, preferably a novel, history or biography for the entire period.



- Students may not talk or leave the room, or change websites during SSR.
- This is a great activity for iPads. Then, students can snuggle

into the comfortable corners of your classroom like they would at home with a book.

- If you purchased a digital version of this Projects book, just click on the links below.

#### **Extensions**

- Have students suggest sites for the next week's SSR time.

#### Troubleshooting Tips

- *Students get distracted by other web offerings. (Walk around during SSR to keep them focused. Beside, you'll want to know what catches their attention.)*

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Starfall—the classic reading website <http://www.starfall.com/>  
Between the Lions—from PBS Kids <http://pbskids.org/lions/stories/>  
Welcome to Seussville <http://www.seussville.com//>  
Aesop's Fables <http://www.aesopfables.com/>  
Clifford Interactive Storybooks  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/clifford1/index.htm>  
Children's Storybooks Online <http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

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## **More Reading and Story Websites for First/Second Grade**

This is a list of websites students can use when studying storytelling, fables and myths. It includes sites where students can read stories, have stories read to them and create their own. I pick three-four of them to post on our [internet start page](#) (click the link and select the tab for the grade you're interested in. If you don't see any story websites listed, it's because we aren't discussing story telling, fables or fairy tales at the moment) for a week or two, and then change the list.



See which work best for your students:

1. [Aesop's Fables](#)
2. [Aesop Fables—no ads](#)
3. [Badguy Patrol](#)
4. [Childhood Stories](#)
5. [Classic Fairy Tales](#)
6. [Fairy Tales and Fables](#)
7. [Make Your Story](#)
8. [Make your own Story](#)
9. [Make your story a newspaper](#)
10. [Make another story](#)
11. [Stories to read](#)
12. [Stories to read for youngsters](#)
13. [Stories to read—International Library](#)
14. [Stories to read — Starfall](#)
15. [Storybook Maker](#)
16. [Storytime for me](#)
17. [Web-based Madlibs](#)