

Tips for Using Renzulli Learning with Primary Grades

Renzulli Learning is a wonderful resource for students in primary grades. Here are some tips and advice for getting started with your class.

General Tips:

- Have students pair up (ideally with at least one computer-savvy student in each pair) to help them navigate through the site and any resources they explore.
- Team up with a classroom of older students, bringing in “Renzulli Mentors” from higher grades to help your students complete their profiles or navigate resources. This is a great way to model and improve technology literacy for every student involved.
- Encourage students who are able to use Renzulli Learning at home by introducing Renzulli to parents using the Sample Parent Letters under *Teacher Resources* on the Teacher Site, along with student Profile results and directions for creating Parent Portal accounts.
- Use Renzulli as a classroom learning center – with or without a projector and a digital white board.



Completing the Profile:

Younger students may need help reading and understanding the questions on the Renzulli Profiler.

- Remember the Profile doesn't need to be completed in one sitting – clicking the “Next” button on each page will save all work up to that point – so students can work in shifts, and come back at any time and pick up where they left off.
- Bring in tutors – teacher aides, Title I aides, reading specialists, and parents are often indispensable when helping little ones through the Profiler.
- Some teachers choose to print out a copy of the Profiler questions, and have students work through the Profiler with paper and pencil. This allows some students to complete the questions faster than they could with a mouse. The teacher or an aide must log in as each student and input their answers manually.



Exploring Resources:

Once students have completed the Profiler, Renzulli will present them with a large menu of resources matched to their profiles. Some of these may contain writing that is above that student's reading comprehension. These resources may be presented because they contain other features that are still enriching for little ones, with some guidance.

- Use a projector to share pre-selected resources with the whole class – e-Books, Virtual Field Trips, and Critical Thinking resources are perfect for whole-group experiences.
- Use the Assignment Maker (click *Teach* on the Teacher Site, then Assignments, and then follow the prompts to create a new Assignment) to send a resource to students with your directions. All the students need to do is login, click on their inbox, and they will see what you sent them.
- Consult the list of Recommended Resources for Primary Grades (next page) to find a wide range of materials to inspire, engage and educate your students.

Recommended Resources for Primary Grades



To find these resources on Renzulli, just click “Search Activities” and type in the name of the activity.

You can use these resources with a projector for whole-class lessons, add to selected students’ Favorite Places, or add to student in-boxes through the Assignment Maker.

Storyline Online: Choose from a large library of children’s stories. Once you make your selection, a famous actor will appear on screen and read it to you. Once the video loads and begins to play, you can adjust the size of the video by following instructions at the bottom right of the screen.

Clifford the Big Red Dog Stories to Help Your Kids Learn and Grow: With these great interactive storybooks, beginning readers build reading and phonics proficiency. Play along with Clifford and learn letter and sound matching.

When Vowel Teams Go Walking: In this activity you can learn what happens when two vowels are next to each other in a word! Also, you can sing along to the catchy song!

Word World: Explore the animated world of this new program from PBS. Navigate around a world where everything is (literally) made of words by clicking on the map to navigate.

Hey Friend with Josh Groban: Sing along and learn about being a good friend with Josh Groban, Elmo, Abby Cadabby, and Rosita! Check out the other awesome Sesame Street videos while you are there!

GoNoodle: Skip Count to 100: GoNoodle has a variety of fun & engaging activities from character development to math and just plan getting the kids up for a movement break. Check this one out for skip counting!

National Geographic Kids: Destination World: Check out these videos of the continents and find out what makes them unique from each other!

