

A Partnership of Promise: Students, Home, and School



Getting Started with Achieve3000's HOME EDITION

Achieve3000 is committed to partnering with parents/guardians and educators to improve reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, and writing for *all* students. KidBiz3000™, TeenBiz3000®, and Empower3000™ deliver content and fun activities that are customized to your child's individual learning needs. Achieve3000's Home Edition helps you stay closely involved with your child's progress and reinforces literacy skills at home.

Setting up your Home Edition account is easy!

Your child's teacher will send you a letter with your child's username, password, and a security code.

- * Go to www.kidbiz3000.com (for grades 2-5), www.teenbiz3000.com (for grades 6-8), or www.empower3000.com (for grades 9-12), and sign in with your child's login.
- * Click "Settings" at the top of the screen. Then click "Create Parent Login."
- * Enter your security code and answer a couple of questions. The system will display your Home Edition username and password. Record this login information.
- * Finally, log in in and start using the Home Edition!

How does Achieve3000's Home Edition work?

- The Home Edition provides caregivers with:
- * Your own KidBiz/TeenBiz/Empower login so you can review and monitor the work your child is doing in class.
 - * Daily Conversation Guides with targeted questions to help spark at-home discussion about real-world topics covered in the article.
 - * Reporting tools that give you a real-time view of your child's usage and performance on KidBiz/TeenBiz/Empower.

The Five-Step Literacy Routine

KidBiz, TeenBiz, and Empower utilize a simple five-step process. Each step is based on best practices that have evolved out of decades of reading research. To complete the Five-Step Literacy Routine, go to www.kidbiz3000.com (for grades 2-5), www.teenbiz3000.com (for grades 6-8) or to www.empower3000.com (for grades 9-12). Log in to the Home Edition using your username and password.

1. Check your e-mail. Read the message from KidBiz/TeenBiz/Empower and respond.
2. Click the link in the e-mail to read the news Article for the day.
3. Do the Activity.
4. Finish the Thought Question.
5. Vote in the Poll.

GET INVOLVED...MONITOR...EXPLORE!

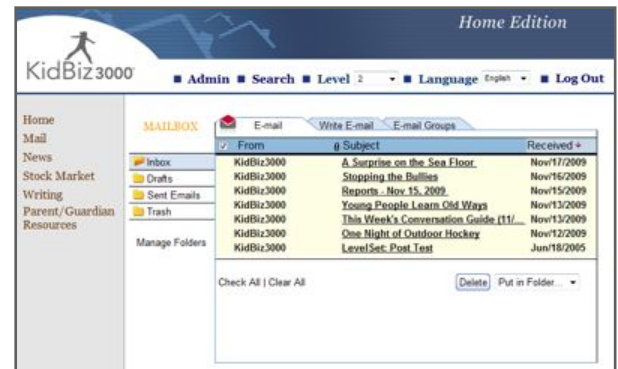
You can encourage reading and writing at home—or anywhere a computer is connected to the Internet. Here's how you can be a part of what students are doing at school:

Get INVOLVED

Your e-mail account

Stay in contact with your child and his teachers with our secure e-mail system. You cannot e-mail anyone outside of your child's Achieve3000 community.

1. Click *Mailbox*. A list of messages appears.
2. To read a message, click the subject.
3. To send a message, click the *Write E-mail* tab.



Article Preview

Your Mailbox will have a link to each daily article – at your own level and in your language of choice – so you can review what your child is reading in school. (Note: If you have more than one child using Achieve3000, you may see two different reading articles.)

Weekly Conversation Guides

Each week, Achieve3000 sends you an e-mail titled *This Week's Conversation Guide*.

Guiding questions for the week of November 16, 2009		
Day of the Week	Topic	News Section/Title
Monday	Marvin Nash faces bulls that outweigh him by more than 1,000 pounds—it's his job. In his spare time, he's helping kids face school bullies.	History Stopping the Bullies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think bullying means? • Do you think using a clown is a good way to address the issue of bullying? 	

Article summary

Link to article

Guiding questions



MONITOR Literacy Progress

Accessing your weekly Reports e-mail.

Each week Achieve3000 sends you an e-mail titled Reports. It contains one-click access to reports on your child's program usage and performance scores.

It's important that your child's multiple choice first-try scores be **75% or higher.**

#	User Name	Reading Level	Total Logins	First Login	Last Login	MC Activities	Avg Weekly Activities	MC Activity Avg Score	E-mails Sent	Program Hours	Mail	News	MC Activities (News)	Thought Questions
1	Waters, Erica	2.1 / -	13	11/9	11/16	5	4.4	75%	8	4h 32m	24%	38%	6%	6%

#	Column	Description
1	User Name	User name
2	Reading Level	The current reading level and Lexile level
3	Total Logins	Total logins to the program
4	First Login	The first date the user accessed the program

Other Reports:

The *Admin* section of your Home Edition includes more reports to help you monitor progress.

Additional Tools are available on the left-hand menu:

- * Resources
- * Writing Center
- * Stock Market game

EXPLORE!

Searching for articles of interest

Find older news content you might be interested in reading by using Search.

1. Click *Search* at the top of the screen.
2. You can search by topic (keyword) and/or by category.

**STAY CONNECTED 24/7 with the
Achieve3000 Parent Hotline –
available in English and Spanish
888-486-3316**

**Get more help and information as you get started
with Achieve3000's Home Edition:**

- * Check this guide for instructions for logging on and using your Home Edition account.
- * Call the Parent Hotline at 888-486-3316 to hear a summary of the stories your child is reading in school.
- * If you have not received a username and password, contact your child's teacher or school, or contact Achieve3000 at www.achieve3000.com/support or via phone at 877-235-2525.

Key Finding

Programs and interventions that engage families in supporting their children's learning at home are linked to higher student achievement.

-From A New Wave of Evidence by the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, 2002



Everyday Tips To Encourage Literacy Skills

1. *Use Achieve3000's Home Edition.*
Each Friday, use the Conversation Guide to choose articles that you and your child will read in the coming week. Designate an evening to discuss the articles.
2. *Lead by example.*
Read a book, magazine, or newspaper article in front of your child for enjoyment every day.
3. *Build vocabulary with a weekly "Word Work Out."*
Select a new word for your family to learn. Use it in conversations or games.
4. *Build vocabulary with a weekly "Word Challenge."*
Have your child find new words and "challenge" you to see if YOU know the meaning of the words.
5. *Connect reading to real life.*
Help your child make connections between his/her personal life and the stories, TV shows, and movies that he/she reads or watches. Ask questions and make comparisons.
6. *Encourage your child to share his/her opinions about what he/she reads and hears.*
Discussions are critical to building comprehension. Encourage your child to share his/her thoughts and how he/she drew those conclusions.