



The Online Classes

The Favorite Books class will be the highlight of your child's week. Children are excited about participating in a real-time, online class where they see, hear, and speak with a teacher and other students. Your child will have excellent focus because the teacher or student who is speaking fills up the center of the screen and everybody else is muted. All that is required for the class is internet access and a tablet or computer with a webcam. We ask that you attend class with your child, helping him or her to log in, to participate in the games and activities, and to follow along in the picture book of the week as the teacher directs.

Reading Aloud Instills a Love of Reading

Reading aloud is the key to instilling a love of reading in young children. Each week in class, students listen to the teacher read aloud one of the great picture books you receive. As students follow along in their own copies, they enter into the world of the book, imaginatively participating in the character's adventures and experiencing the pleasure of becoming absorbed in a good story. They come away excited and enthusiastic about books and motivated to learn to read.

Fun and Rewarding Book Discussions

Throughout each class, the teacher engages students in discussions about the story. Children love talking about the great books in our program with other kids their age. Through this experience, children also develop important listening comprehension skills, learning to identify with characters and follow story development. These skills will progress into strong reading comprehension as students develop their reading skills.

Developing Speaking and Listening Skills

Participating in discussions also gives each student the opportunity to develop important speaking and listening skills. Each young person discovers that his or her voice matters and is worth being heard. Our experienced teachers help students find that voice by having each student contribute many times per class. Equally important, our program teaches young people to listen to each other with openness, interest, and respect.