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Highlands Elementary third-grader Colton Mohler is shown using myON reader. The online personalized literacy environment provides unlimited anytime, anywhere access to books that will extend curriculum beyond the traditional classroom and textbook.



Highlands Elementary, Hopper Primary implement myON reader to improve literacy skills

In a move toward further boosting the literacy skills of its students, Highlands Elementary and Hopper Primary schools have added the online personalized literacy environment, myON reader, to provide unlimited anytime, anywhere access to books that will extend curriculum beyond the traditional classroom and textbook.

The addition will give more than 1,300 pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students, currently attending Hopper Primary and Highlands Elementary, more than 15,000 interactive digital books (and growing) from award-winning Capstone imprints.

Funded by grants from the Goose Creek CISD Educational Foundation, Target, and Capstone, Highlands students have 24/7 access to the largest integrated online library of enhanced digital books with multimedia supports. The online platform uses cloud-based technology to connect school and home through anytime, anywhere access to an expanding library of digital books, and to provide a safe, social network where students can read, rate and review digital books, and recommend them to classmates.

"The level of personalization and flexibility that myON reader gives all of our students including special education, English Language Learners, dyslexic, reluctant and below level readers, helps them become stronger readers by making the process personal and fun," said Donna Mohlman, Highlands Elementary Librarian. "The immediate reaction of teachers and students has been tremendous! In just 15 days, students have read almost 1,000 books, many during choice time at school as well as at home on the weekends!"

Students begin by doing an interest inventory to determine what kind of books they like to read. Then they take a lexile test to place them at their appropriate reading level. Students start reading books customized to what they are interested in and at their individual reading level. They have the support of full color visuals, professionally recorded audio, built in dictionary, and sentence and word highlighting. Writing reviews and rating the books is another feature of the program, providing students with a safe, social network where they can read, rate and review digital books, even recommend them to their classmates.

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