

Dear Parents,

This year, our school will be using BigUniverse.com, an award winning educational website designed to instill the love for reading, writing and learning in your children. We are excited about this literacy tool and think you will be too (see features & benefits below).

To get your child started on your home computer, please follow these easy steps:

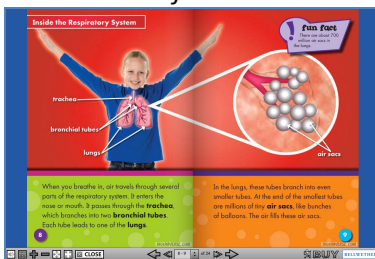
- Go to www.biguniverse.com and click Sign In (or, just go to: www.biguniverse.com/member/signin/mcpss)
- Enter your child's sign-in information:
 - Grades 3-5
 - Username: Student login (email/computer)
 - Password: Student password
 - Grades PreK-2
 - Username: **student id (e.g. 1940619108)**
 - Password: **initials + birth year (e.g. ah1999)**
 - Group Username: **mcpss**

Below you will find some additional information about Big Universe.

Features

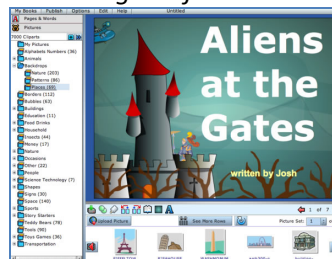
Read Books Online

Instantly expand your library with thousands of leveled books.



Write & Publish Online

Motivate students to write and publish using our fun tool.



Share Bookshelves

Access and share your books anywhere.



And much more: manage accounts, assign books, assess comprehension, view reading logs, monitor usage...

Benefits

- Quality digital content for small & large screens.
- Engages struggling and advanced learners.
- Perfect for differentiated instruction and RTI.
- Saves money, storage and time over print books.
- Convenient 24/7 access from anywhere.
- 21st century learning for digital native generation.

Uses

- Grades –K-12
- Reading & Writing – Independent/shared/guided reading, research, assess comprehension, summer/leisure reading, etc. Creative writing, reports, teacher created books, mentor text, balanced literacy, etc.

- Differentiated instruction - special needs, ELL, RTI, advanced learners, etc.
- Devices - interactive whiteboards, laptops, tablets, etc.
- Locations – classroom, media lab, library, at home, after school program, vacations, etc.