

# HERITAGE GENERALS



Summer Reading #JustKeepReading



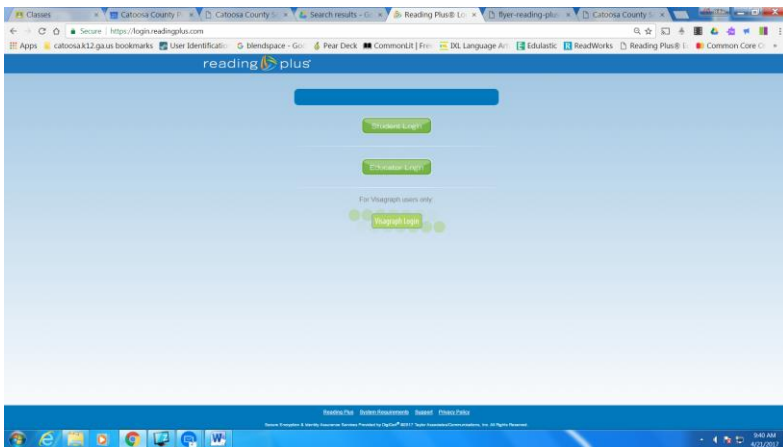
A high-quality summer learning solution can minimize and even prevent the loss of reading achievement. Scientific studies show that students may lose up to two months of reading gains during the summer break. An effective summer solution can bridge that gap.

**Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders and new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to HMS – see Option 2**

**Option 1: Upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

Reading Plus® may prevent the summer reading loss, ensuring students return to school ready to move ahead to grade-level literacy. Your child can complete Reading Plus assignments on your home computer or tablet during the summer. The program will keep track of assignments completed. Completing Reading Plus assignments over the summer is optional but the program can be very beneficial for your student's reading fluency and comprehension. The summer program focuses on words read; however, the reading program in the fall will also focus upon raising reading rate, comprehension levels, and overall reading progress .

Login in information:



Step 1: Login to <https://login.readingplus.com/>

Step 2: Press the student login button

Step 3: Enter the school code: rpherit2

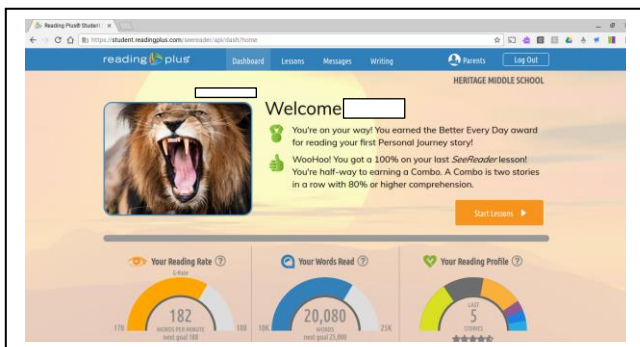
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(ex. [23jddoe.hms@gapps](mailto:23jddoe.hms@gapps))

Step 5: Password is your regular password

(ex. jdd1234567)

A typical middle school book contains 30,000 -50,000 words. Students can view their word totals on the site. During the first week of school, ELA teachers will take note of the students' word totals for reward purposes.



Individual ELA teachers may offer their own rewards; however, some **REWARDS** may be as follows:

- 50,000 words – Pie your favorite teacher/administrator or One “reading pass out of ELA class” to media center
- 30,000 words – 10 pt. bonus test points
- 15,000 words – homework pass or “What would you do for a Klondike bar” or leave for lunch with a friend 10 minutes early.
- 10,000 words - PJ bottom or house shoe day
- 5,000 words –hat day

**Reading Plus General Information:** The system automatically adjusts to each student's individual reading ability. A typical lesson lasts 30-45 minutes. Click *Start* to begin. Click any blue link under *Program* to view more details about your progress.

**Colors:** Green means your reading rate is above the norm for your grade level; yellow is within the norm, and red is below the norm. Color-coded awards show how many levels you have completed

**Rate: Guided:** The solid line shows your words-per-minute rate for the portion of the story read in the guided slot. Each time your comprehension score is 70% or higher, the guided slot will move a bit faster on the next lesson. If comprehension is below 70%, the system keeps the same rate. If the solid line climbs upward on the chart, you are showing good comprehension. **Independent** - Diamond-shaped marks on the chart show your words-per-minute rate for the portion of the story read in the independent mode. Read the story quickly while also making sure you understand what you are reading. As soon as you are done reading each screen, press the space bar (or click *Go On*). You want the diamonds (independent rate) to be as close as possible to the solid line (guided rate). Your goal is to get both the diamonds and solid line to fall within the green zone on the chart.

**Progress Bar:** The bar under the chart shows your current level of progress. When the entire bar is shaded, you earn a certificate and move to the next reading level. To "level up," you need to meet goals for the guided rate, the independent rate, and good comprehension on a sufficient number of stories. When you finish a Guided Reading™ lesson, a screen shows your level goals and how close you are to reaching them.

**\*\*Note\*\*** - **Reading Plus Summer reading word totals** will accumulate into the new year since this program is an ongoing program for the year 2017-2018.

## **Option 2: Upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders, current students in addition or in place of Reading Plus, or new 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders**

Other resources for reading this summer – Read **up to three books** that are grade level appropriate (see <https://www.lexile.com/fab/> for ideas. Write the **title and author with a 1 page summary** and have your **parents sign** each paper. Turn in to your ELA teacher and get 10 test points per book.

- 1) Book exchange kiosk in front of the middle school, county library, or digital sources
- 2) Get Georgia Reading - For general info – go to the Georgia Dept. of Education site at - <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Georgia-Summer-Reading-Challenge.aspx> (This site has a link to gain access to an myOn account. – see instructions below)
  - Create a myOn account for digital books at <http://about.mhyon.com/GetGAReading> to get registered. Under the **Job Title** field, type in: **Reader**. Once you have registered, instructions on your county specific login will be sent to you within 24-48 hours. See a video on how to login at [http://prodev.myon.com/at-home/get-started?field\\_my\\_child\\_is\\_in\\_value=6-8](http://prodev.myon.com/at-home/get-started?field_my_child_is_in_value=6-8)
  - Go to myOn.com and click the Log In Now button.
  - Enter the School Name: Get Georgia Reading, Georgia Campaign for Grade Level Reading (Note: DO NOT cut and paste. Start typing “Get Gerogia...” and select the school from the drop-down menu.)
  - Username: include registration instructions with what they sent you.
  - Password: same as above.
  - Click on the Sign In button, select a book and start reading!
  - For information about this, go to [http://prodev.myon.com/sites/default/files/Family\\_resources/myon-FAQ-Families\\_0.pdf](http://prodev.myon.com/sites/default/files/Family_resources/myon-FAQ-Families_0.pdf) - note: call 800 number for general info since your student does not know the upcoming teacher's name until school begins.