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.

星 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.

星 Click "Settings" at the top of the screen. Then click "Create Parent Login."

星 Enter your security code and answer a couple of questions. The system will display your Home Edition username and password. Record this login information.

星 Finally, log in and start using the Home Edition!

How does Achieve3000’s Home Edition work?

The Home Edition provides caregivers with:

星 Your own KidBiz/TeenBiz/Empower login so you can review and monitor the work your child is doing in class.

星 Daily Conversation Guides with targeted questions to help spark at-home discussion about real-world topics covered in the article.

星 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.

Use the guiding questions to help you spark discussions with your child about real-world topics covered in the article.
**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.

**Other Reports:**

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

**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.
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.

Everyday Tips To Encourage Literacy Skills

   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.

   Select a new word for your family to learn. Use it in conversations or games.

   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.

Key Finding

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

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