Why Strong Reading Skills Matter

- Learning to read by the end of grade 3 is a critical milestone in a child’s education.
- Grade 3 is the year students transition from learning to read to reading to learn.
- Students need strong reading skills in order to learn in all other school subjects, such as science, history, writing and even math.
- Family support for reading – including reading aloud to children at home – has a major impact on student success.
- Increased family involvement in schools predicts increases in literacy achievement.

Mississippi Literacy-Based Promotion Act

Mississippi’s literacy law helps ensure every student reads at or above grade level by the end of grade 3.

The law requires teachers to identify struggling readers and to provide immediate, intensive reading instruction to meet each student’s specific reading needs.

Third-grade students must pass a reading test at the end of the year to qualify for promotion to grade 4.

Visit StrongReadersMS.com to find learning tips and activities for all levels, from birth through grade 5.

Ask your child’s teacher which reading skills listed in StrongReadersMS.com your child needs to practice.