Free Literacy Websites

These websites are great to use during centers, as fast finishers, or in whole-group instruction.

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| Scholastic Story Starters | K-6 grade  (Lower grades could use this for a shared writing activity.) | <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/> | This website allows students to “pull the lever” and get a creative story starter idea. Encourage your students to write creatively! Wouldn’t you love to hear their story about a little cat who plays baseball or a foolish milkmaid who lives in a mountain cave? |
| Storyline Online | K-6 grade | <http://www.storylineonline.net/> | Actors and actresses read aloud a wide variety of picture books. You can watch Betty White read *Harry the Dirty Dog* or Jane Kaczmarek read *Thank You, Mr. Falker,* among many others. These books are highly engaging and entertaining. I used to play one book after lunch every Friday as a treat for my students. |
| Free Rice | 3-6 grade | <http://freerice.com/#/english-vocabulary/1391> | * The idea behind Free Rice is that for every correct answer, Free Rice donates 10 grains of rice to the [United Nations World Food Program](http://www.wfp.org/?utm_source=freerice.com&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=fr_hp_link). There are many subjects available, but the URL listed takes you to English Vocabulary questions. When you answer a question correctly, you get a harder question. Students love to see their little rice bowl fill up, knowing they’re helping to feed someone in the world. |