**omBooks** are digital book apps with many features that make them easy to use in your classroom throughout the academic year. Whether you’re using omBooks to supplement your existing curriculum or classroom library, create engaging center activities, or differentiate lesson content, here are some ways to help you get started.

### Reading Modes

omBooks offer three reading modes to guide and enhance your students’ reading experience:

**Read to Me**
- Follow along as the story is professionally narrated
- Turn the pages to read at your own pace

**Read it Myself**
- Read the story without narration playing
- Turn the pages to read at your own pace

**Auto Play (not included in Learning Library titles)**
- Follow along as the story is read by a narrator
- Pages turn automatically for reading at a controlled pace

### Interactive Features

While in Read to Me or Read it Myself mode, readers can interact with story content and illustrations through key features that promote literacy, fluency, and vocabulary development.

- Tap a picture to hear and see the word associated with it
- Tap an individual word to hear it pronounced aloud
- Touch and hold a paragraph to hear it read by a narrator
- Tap on bold words to launch a glossary definition and explanation
- Record your own voice or that of your students reading the book aloud
- Use the page selector to locate favorite passages or the place you left off
Using omBooks With a Large Group

- Connect your iOS or Android device to your classroom projector, TV, or computer monitor (see How-To Guide).
- Use the *Read it Myself* mode to read the story aloud at your own pace
- Use the *Read to Me* mode if you want the narration to play but want to move from page to page at your discretion
- Use *Auto Play* to present the story to the entire class with full narration

With a Small Group

- **Guided Reading:** use the *Read it Myself* mode to read the story aloud with students. Use discussion questions from our Teacher Guides to tap prior knowledge and check for understanding.

As Part of a Center Activity

- **Guided Reading:** use the *Read it Myself* mode and to read part or all of a story aloud with students. Invite students to explore each page and draw connections between the text and illustrations. Use discussion questions from our Teacher Guides to tap prior knowledge, check for understanding, and assess comprehension.
- **Fluency Tracking:** use the *Record & Share* feature to record students reading a passage from the book over the course of 1 minute. Track mistakes for assessment purposes, then play their recording back so students can hear themselves read passages aloud. Ask students what they notice about their pace, enunciation, etc. Save and share the recordings with parents and guardians so they can track their students’ progress as a reader.
- **In Partners or Individually:** young learners can use headphones with the *Read To Me* or *Auto Play* modes in order to listen to the narrator read the story aloud.

With Students In Partner Pairs

- If you have enough devices, invite students to read or listen to the story in pairs. Model how you expect students to take turns reading pages aloud to each other.
- Students can dialogue about discussion questions together, then return to the group for a class discussion.

With Independent Readers

- If you have enough devices, invite students to read or listen to the story independently.
- Demonstrate how to use the app’s interactive features to support their reading so each student can explore the text and illustrations at his or her own pace.
- Readers comfortable reading on their own can write or record answers to discussion questions using word processing apps or even their device’s camera to share with you in person or via email.
- Emerging readers who are not ready to write out their answers yet can join in on a small or whole-class group discussion about the story and its features.
Sample Content Objectives
Ways to Use omBooks to Teach Common Core Standards

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As interactive digital book apps, omBooks have features that make them easy to integrated into your daily lessons in order to help students accomplish content objectives based on the Common Core standards. These sample lesson objectives are just a few ways in which omBook features can help diversify the ways in which students access academic content.

Reading Fundamentals: Identifying Words that Rhyme
Given a teacher read-aloud of “Green Eggs & Ham” by Dr. Seuss, students will be able to recognize and make rhyming words, as measured by their ability to correctly pair words that rhyme using the book app’s tap-word feature. LA.RF.K.2

Reading Fundamentals: Reading Fluently with Expression
Given a read-aloud of “I Was So Mad” by Mercer Mayer, students will be able to read a short passage accurately with expression using the Record & Share feature of the book app, as measured by playback of student recordings. LA.RF.1.4

Reading Literature: Understanding Fiction
Given teacher modeling and a read-aloud of “Triceratops Gets Lost”, students will be able to describe the characters and setting using the tap-word and illustration feature from the book app, as measured by an exit slip. LA.L.2.7

Math: Number Sense and Counting
Given a read-aloud of “Five Little Monkeys Play Hide and Seek”, students will be able to count and identify numbers up to 100 using the app’s tap word feature, as measured by teacher observation. 1.NBT.1
omBook Library
What’s in the Oceanhouse Media Catalog

Science/Social Studies
The Cat In the Hat’s Learning Library, Soundprints Books

For Emerging Readers
Dr. Seuss, Little Critter, Byron Barton

Classic Children’s Books
Dr. Seuss, Little Critter, the Berenstain Bears, Tacky the Penguin, Five Little Monkeys, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant

Social/Emotional Learning
The Kissing Hand, Little Critter, Elmer

…and much more!
How to Invoke Guided Access on an iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch

Guided Access is a feature of iOS 6+ devices that allows you to lock your device into a specific app so students can focus on that app’s content. This is especially useful when working in centers or with young learners and students with special needs since it enables you to control what your students do and do not have access to while on the device.

1. Launch the **Settings** app from the Home screen of your iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch.
2. Tap on **General**.
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and tap on **Accessibility**.
4. Under the **Learning** section, tap on **Guided Access**. If it’s not on already, tap the toggle next to Guided Access to the **On** position.
5. To **start** Guided Access in an app, open the app and **triple-click the Home button**. Guided Access will launch and you’ll have the chance to customize the Guided Access experience for your students.
6. To **get out** of Guided Access, **triple-click the Home button** while in the app.
7. If your students are tech-savvy enough to triple-click the Home button themselves, you can set a **password** in the Guided Access Settings screen so that only you or someone that knows the password can turn Guided Access off.
How to Connect Your Device to Displays, Smart/Prometheum Boards, AppleTVs, and Projectors

Apple and Android devices are both capable of connecting to displays so that omBooks and other apps can be shown full-screen on a monitor, TV, projector, or Smart Board. This can be useful when conducting a read aloud or shared reading with small groups or your whole class.

Apple Devices (iPhone, iPad, iPad Mini, iPod Touch)

- **Newer Displays:** Connect your Apple device to a newer HDMI or HDTV compatible projector or display using the Apple AV cable appropriate for your device.
  - Use a Lightning AV Adapter, available [here](http://store.apple.com/us/product/MD826ZM/A/lightning-digital-av-adapter), to connect with iPad Mini, iPhone 5, or 5th Gen iPod Touch.
  - Use a 30-pin Digital AV Adapter, available [here](http://store.apple.com/us/product/MD098ZM/A/apple-digital-av-adapter), with iPads, the iPhone 4 and 4S, and 4th Gen iPod Touch.

- **Older Displays:** Connect your Apple device to an older VGA compatible projector or display using the Apple VGA cable appropriate for your device.
  - Use a Lightning to VGA Adapter, available [here](http://store.apple.com/us/product/MD825ZM/A/lightning-to-vga-adapter), to connect with an iPad Mini, iPhone 5, or 5th Gen iPod Touch.
  - Use a 30-pin to VGA Adapter, available [here](http://store.apple.com/us/product/MC552ZM/B/apple-vga-adapter), with iPads, the iPhone 4 and 4S, and 4th Gen iPod Touch.

- **Apple TV:** Connect your Apple device to a display such as a monitor or TV by using Apple AirPlay mirroring with an Apple TV. To use AirPlay Mirroring, you will need:
  - an iPhone 4S (or later), iPad 2 (or later), iPad Mini, or 5th Gen iPod Touch with iOS 5 or later installed
  - an Apple TV (2nd Gen or later)
  - a reliable Wi-Fi connection
  - this [Apple Support guide](http://support.apple.com/kb/HT5209?viewlocale=en_US) with detailed instructions

Android Devices

- **HDMI:** Android devices with HDMI ports connect directly to computer monitors, TVs, and projectors with HDMI inputs via an HDMI cable. Please refer to your Android owner’s manual for details.

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How to Use the omBook Record & Share Feature with Your Students

Record & Share is a great way to capture your students' progress as emerging readers. Use recordings to assess fluency or send parents, guardians, and grandparents samples of their students reading beloved stories aloud. With Record & Share, learning to read becomes that much more meaningful for each of your students and their families.

Record a Voice

1. To begin recording your voice, start by tapping the arrow in the lower left corner or middle of the screen on any page of an omBook.
2. Tap Voice, then the Microphone next to New. Enter a name, then press Save.
3. Tap Record and start reading the page aloud.
4. Move on to the next page and continue recording. Press Stop when done.

Share a Voice

1. To share a voice track, tap the arrow in the lower left corner of the screen on any page of an omBook.
2. Tap Voice, then tap the Envelope next to the voice track you’d like to share.
3. Your device’s default Mail application will launch. Enter the email address or addresses of the people with whom you’d like to share the recording.
4. Tap Send. Recipients can now load the recording into their own copy of the same omBook, or listen to the recording on its own.