

Dear Parents,

Below you will find information about Big Universe, an electronic book site available to MCPSS students.

To get your child started on your home computer, please follow these easy steps.

- Go to www.biguniverse.com and click on the words Sign In.
- Enter your child's sign-in information:
- **Grades 3-12**
 - Username: NEW Student login (email/computer username without "@stu.mcpss.com")
 - Password: Uppercase First initial, lowercase last initial, date of birth (2-digit month, 2-digit day, 4-digit year) Ex: Im04232010
 - Group Username: **mcpss**
- **Grades PreK-2**
 - Username: Student 10-digit ID (e.g. 1940619108)
 - Password: Uppercase First initial, lowercase last initial, date of birth (2-digit month, 2-digit day, 4-digit year) Ex: Im04232010
 - Group Username: **mcpss**

Features		
<p>Read Books Online</p> <p><i>Instantly expand your library with thousands of leveled books.</i></p> 	<p>Write & Publish Online</p> <p><i>Motivate students to write and publish using our fun tool.</i></p> 	<p>Share Bookshelves</p> <p><i>Access and share your books anywhere.</i></p> 
<p><i>And much more: manage accounts, assign books, assess comprehension, view reading logs, monitor usage...</i></p>		

Benefits	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality digital content for small & large screens. • Engages struggling and advanced learners. • Perfect for differentiated instruction and RTI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saves money, storage and time over print books. • Convenient 24/7 access from anywhere. • 21st century learning for digital native generation.

Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades –K-12 • Reading & Writing – Independent/shared/guided reading, research, assess comprehension, summer/leisure reading, etc. Creative writing, reports, teacher created books, mentor text, balanced literacy, etc. • Differentiated instruction - special needs, ELL, RTI, advanced learners, etc. • Devices - interactive whiteboards, laptops, tablets, etc. • Locations – classroom, media lab, library, at home, after school program, vacations, etc.