

# Reading Bear's Advice Column

Dear Reading Bear,

What is Read 180 and how can I get my son into the program? He will be a fourth grader next year.

Concerned Parent

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Read 180 is a powerful, research-based teaching tool designed to help fourth and fifth grade students who are reading below grade level. Within this 90-minute program, each student will be exposed to instructional software, high-interest literature, teacher-directed activities, and whole group reading instruction. This is a **supplemental** program so your son would also get the usual 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading and language arts instruction.

Talk with your son's new fourth grade teacher to find out if he qualifies to enter this fantastic program.

Dear Reading Bear,

Is there a website I could download to help me answer questions about reading?

Have Questions Parent

Dear Have Questions Parent,

Yes, I have a great website that you can download. Go to <http://www.readingrockets.org/ask.php>. As a public service, the Reading Rockets' staff responds personally to e-mails they receive through this site. In a few days, you will receive a response.

Dear Reading Bear,

How can I help my child to read better?

What Is the Secret?

Dear "What Is the Secret" Parent?,

The last 25 years of reading research confirms this simple formula---regardless of gender, race, nationality or socioeconomic background. Students who read the most, read the best, achieve the most, and stay in school the longest.

Reading Bear