



2018 Post Legislative Update: Smarty Ants

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Smarty Ants



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IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF
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Build Strong Early Literacy Skills

Exclusively for Idaho families, all 4-year-olds can receive a **FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO SMARTY ANTS®**. Prepare your child for kindergarten success with this effective, research-based literacy program designed for young learners.

Activate your free subscription today!

Call 877-235-2525 and use code **SmartyIDAHO** or visit achieve3000.com/SmartyIDAHO

Smarty Ants subscription available at no cost for all Idaho children who are currently 4 years old.



The 4-Year-Old Initiative: Early Literacy for PreK Learners

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Most brain development happens before a child enters kindergarten.

According to IRI data from Idaho's K-12 report card, 50% of the state's children entered kindergarten below the expected level of reading skills in fall 2017.

“Idaho’s economic future depends on early investment in its youngest citizens.”

*W. Steven Barnett, Senior Co-Director
National Institute for Early Education Research*

We're excited to announce a new five-year reading readiness initiative exclusively for Idaho 4-year-olds to receive a free subscription to Achieve3000's Smarty Ants®!



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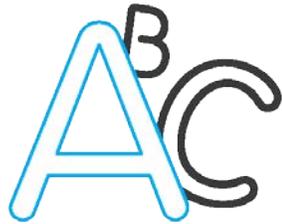


What's Smarty Ants?

Achieve3000's effective foundational literacy program designed by renowned experts with over 60 combined years of educational research



A Foundation for Kindergarten Readiness



Everything children need
to start kindergarten with
a love of reading



Fun digital environment
that will keep kids
engaged and learning



Accessible anytime
and anywhere

Systematic, Explicit, Spiraled Instruction



- **Phonemic Awareness**

- Skill-building games
- Aurally and visually segmented phonemes
- Visual blending
- Rhymes and rhyming games

- **Phonics**

- Systematic phonics instruction:
 - 69 lessons with skill-building games
 - 11 reading levels
 - 477 learning songs



Systematic, Explicit, Spiraled Instruction



- **Vocabulary:**
 - Build and read 1,500 words
 - Sight words
- **Fluency Through Story building**
- **Transition to Comprehension**



Placement Test

Identifies Skills Gap & Personalized Learning Path





Accessible anytime and anywhere

- App available to download for Android or iPad
- Use with or without an Internet connection!



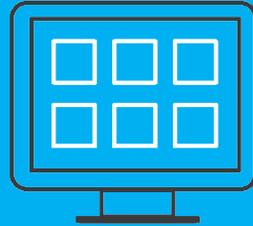
Big Goal for Big Gains

Our goal is to have **every parent, daycare, and outreach program** aware of this **FREE early literacy initiative**.

We can't wait to see all that our **Idaho 4-year-olds** accomplish this year and in the coming years with **Smarty Ants!**



Make it easy to connect to early literacy!



An online toolkit provides all the information you will need to promote this initiative with families in your community.

ww2.achieve3000.com/IdahoToolkit

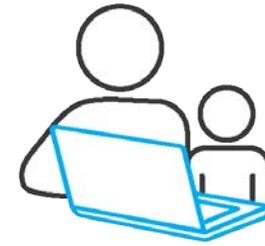
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How to Sign Up



Organizations like **preschools** and **community centers** can sign up using instructions for creating a whole class



Parents/guardians can sign up online to start their subscription. A Getting Started Guide provides step-by-step instructions.

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