



Dear Parents,

Bement is committed to bringing unique learning opportunities to our students and we are pleased to introduce a new, free reading service providing digital books through Sora, the student reading app.

### **Why Sora?**

The collection of titles in Sora is an extension of Bement's physical library, only it's in an app with 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks. It's convenient for students to check out titles at home, on the weekends or during school breaks with no worry about misplacing a book or running up late fees – these digital titles automatically return at the end of the lending period!

Sora can help students of all ages read more and improve comprehension. Struggling or reluctant readers, learning-challenged, second language learners, and gifted readers can all benefit from this service. With over 16,000 titles to choose from, there is something for everyone, kindergarten through adult.

- Enrich vocabulary and improve comprehension and pronunciation
- Introduce students to books above their reading level
- Teach critical listening
- Help busy kids find time to read
- Incentivize reading with fun avatars and achievements
- Allow easy access to your local Massachusetts public library's collection, too! (in the Sora menu select: +Add a public library)

### **How does it work?**

Download the free Sora app from the Apple App store, Google Play Store or visit [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com), borrow with the username that will be provided to your child in the first weeks of school, and enjoy anytime, anywhere on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Browsing is controlled by grade, so students are steered toward developmentally appropriate content.

Whether a student's interest lies in classics, or the latest popular fiction, they can find it all in Sora.

Happy reading!

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