For additional resources please visit:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr
This website teaches kids how to type using the home keys, a very important skill to have! Students will complete 4 steps to learn how to effectively use a keyboard.

www.ixl.com/ela/
This site allows students in grades 1-12 to focus on a specific Common Core skill. Students (or an adult) can choose a skill, and students will then have multiple exposures to examples that will help them master that particular choice. They receive a score upon completion.

www.magickeys.com/books
Magic Keys shares stories with children written by numerous authors. Students can turn the pages when they are ready and can utilize their reading skills in this character rich stories!

How can good readers identify who is telling the story (point of view)?

UNIT THEMES:
communities, culture, maps, geography

If you have any questions, speak to your student’s teacher or email earlylit@hartfordschools.org

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Visit any of the Hartford Public Library branches or your local library!
www.hplct.org

FIRST GRADE
UNIT 7
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS ADDRESSED IN UNIT:
• Why is it important to know who is telling a story?
• Who is telling the story? A character? A narrator?
• What is the purpose of an informational text?
• How do illustrations and text present information differently?
• How do I take notes from non-fiction texts?
• What is research and how do I do it?

STUDENTS LEARNING TARGETS ALIGNED TO THE CONNECTICUT CORE STANDARDS
Your child can...
• identify who is telling the story in a text.
• compare and contrast the facts from words and pictures in informational texts.

ACTIVITIES FOR HOME:
S-blends
• A blend is a group of consonants whose sounds are said together; each sound is heard in the blend.
  • sp, sk, sm, sc, sn, sw

• Grab a magnifying glass (or make one with paper) and walk around your house. Spot how many words you can find that have an s-blend. Record them on your notebook like a true reading detective.