

# Prince George's County Public Schools

## BookNook Improved Literacy Development During COVID-19 School Closures in Prince George's County Public Schools

### OVERVIEW

To support student learning during the COVID-19 school closures, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) partnered with BookNook, to pilot our online tutoring platform for early literacy development. Third to fifth grade students from 136 schools were paired with professional tutors to meet virtually in small group settings for two, thirty-minute BookNook sessions per week between November 2020-January 2021.

### RESULTS

The results show a clear link between BookNook participation and student literacy development. Third to fifth grade BookNook students with high levels of BookNook usage gained literacy skills at a faster rate compared to their peers who did not participate in the program. **Students with high-usage gained on average 13.3 points on their iReady assessments, compared to the non-BookNook students who gained 5.8 points.** Figure 1 provides a visual display of these patterns, with rapid development rates among high-usage BookNook students.

