



## **A Nation of Moms Review of Footsteps2Brilliance®, Inc.**

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Since we found out we were pregnant with our first child, over 10 years ago, I have been on the look out for a good reading program I could do with our children at home. As a teacher and mother, I knew the importance of reading, and vocabulary development for academic success.

All the programs we tried left me wanting. The stories weren't interesting enough. Or they were too complicated. The vocabulary wasn't developmentally sound or the pictures weren't enticing.

Then came technological advances and I was so excited to start loading educational app's and programs on our phones, iPad and computers. Too many \$1.99's later, and I was still dissatisfied.

Until now. I understand this is a strong statement, but I have finally found the perfect Academic Language Program for our children. In fact, it is so good, that I found myself enjoying it as much as they do. That is saying something, if the parent is excited to read and play the learning games, just like their kids.

Footsteps2Brilliance Academic Language Program (ALPS) is the leading innovative reading and writing program. ALPS gives you access to a library of beautifully illustrated and animated eBooks written by famous children's authors, along with over 230 educational games and activities. The eBooks contain the 1,000 most essential words for a powerful reading and writing vocabulary, with stories that teach the most important academic concepts that your child needs for academic success.

Footsteps2Brilliance will help maximize your child's potential, and help them become a confident reader with improved reading comprehension skills. Reading comprehension is one of the most important aspects of our children's academic development. Footsteps2Brilliance does an amazing job helping children not only read the words, but understand and comprehend what they have read.

Footsteps2Brilliance™, Inc. is an award-winning app created by educators to give a pre-K though 2nd grade child a head start towards school success.

The comprehensive and engaging program accelerates vocabulary acquisition, comprehension, creativity, and multiple-choice test taking skills in a child. All vitally important abilities.

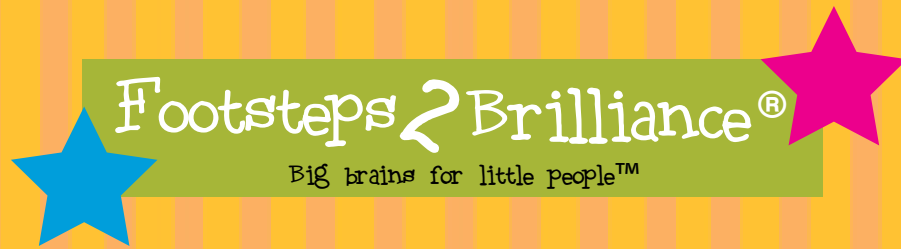
F2B collection consists of a library of 18 beautifully written and illustrated e-books, over 200 interactive games, and parent-friendly reports where you can see how your child is progressing.

Innovative features include:

- 1,000 most important words a child needs to become a strong reader and writer

- Auditory support and rhyming to help with reading fluency

- Three levels of game play for independent learning – English/Spanish toggle switch on every page



Interactive animations and music that make the stories come to life  
Create-a-Book feature enabling a child to author books

The e-books are audio-encoded, so that they can be read to the child, or the child can read them alone. The educational games have three different levels of difficulty so each child will be continually challenged. In addition, ALPS lets parents know how their child is progressing academically.

Having fun while learning with the Footsteps2Brilliance™ app can happen anywhere ... in the car, on a family vacation or at home! The app can be accessed through any smart device, including iPhones, iPads, Android phones and tablets, Kindle Fires, Google Nexus tablets and traditional computers.

Not to mention, the program is so easy to load and start. All you do is download the app on your favorite mobile device and you can take your learning library (and games) with you anywhere you go. At home, simply go to the Footsteps2Brilliance website and log in. With the click of your mouse, you can download the library full of fantastic books and instantly have bookshelves full of books for your children to choose from. It doesn't stop there, all the books come in English and Spanish.

Once I had the Footsteps2Brilliance loaded and ready to go, I asked our 4 year old daughter if she wanted to play on the computer. Those are magic words at our house. She ran to sit down at the table. She looked at the book shelf and immediately choose the book about seasons. She clicked on the book and it came life.

She started to read the book and loved reading how the mother and daughter changed out their clothes for each season. BUT, it got even more exciting... she could also have the book read to her. Which she has started doing all.the.time. when she wants to play "F2B" and I can't sit down with her right away.





She also loves that when she gets stuck on a word, she can click on the specific word and the program will read that word to her. It didn't take her long to discover the "hint" button on each game page, that is there to help you when you are stuck.

It gets even more engaging. The first thing our daughter likes to do every time she turns to a new page is to click on the picture to see the surprise animations and music. She loves that the pictures come to life.



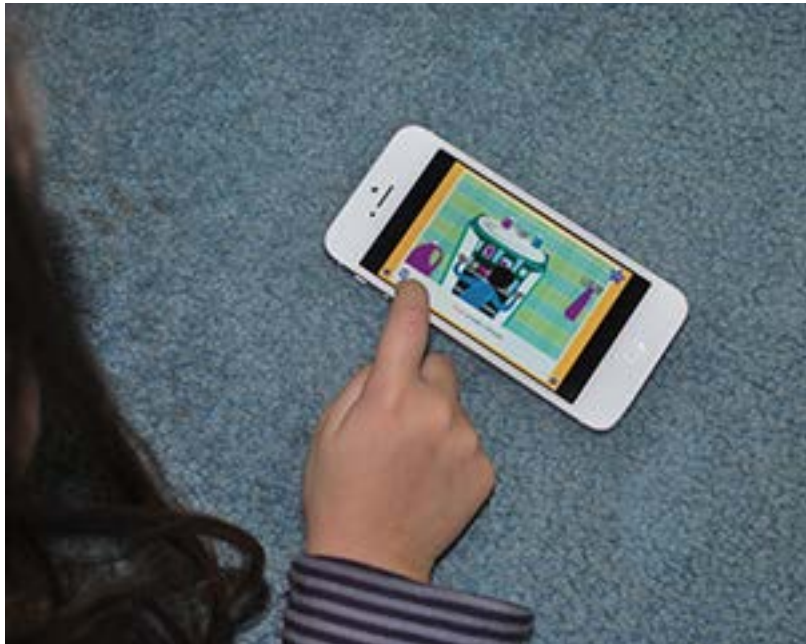
After exploring all the games, her favorite, and mine, are the "Mighty Matches". All the games relate to the book you just read, and the matching games are no exception. Level A has basic matches. "Lion", matches with a picture of a lion. But, as you get more advanced (Level C), not only are there more pictures, but, the pictures then match up with concepts, which helps develop the comprehension that is so vital for academic success. I was blown away by not only the functionality of the games, but also by how they actually teach our children. This is not your typical game of memory. Footsteps2Brilliance doesn't force your child to learn. It makes learning so exciting and fun, that your child can't wait to learn.

Our 2nd grader also wanted a chance to "play". I wondered if it would keep her engaged, and it did! She loves reading the books, and then testing her comprehension skills with the games. Her favorite games are the ones where she answers comprehension questions and then "Word Wall" where she practices her vocabulary words.

The execution of the F2B program on your computer or mobile device is fantastic! Very easy to use, fun, and engaging.



The other part of the program that really catches our children's attention, is the ability to "Create Your Own Books". Even our 10 1/2 year old son wanted in on this part. Children are able to write the words and draw the pictures for their own book. There are prompts and backgrounds that help with the story and illustration if you want. When the book is done, you can email it to family and friends, and share.



Words cannot do the greatness of this program justice. It is really THAT great. I love that Footsteps2Brilliance can go with us. Today alone we used it at school, at the doctors office, and the post office. Not to mention at home on the floor after the big kids came home from school.

Whether you homeschool your children, or they attend a school in a more traditional setting, F2B would be the perfect addition to their learning.