



Books You'll Find in Our NEW Title I Parent Resource Center

In order for parents to have easy access to information about how, where, why, what, and when to read to and with your children, Title I has established new Resource Centers at Dear and Sunrise Elementary Schools, each located in the Conference Room connected to the Office. These books may be checked out by signing your name and date in the check-out folder.

Book Love: Help Your Child Grow from Reluctant to Enthusiastic Reader by Melissa Taylor: The author gives busy parents engaging, playful, out-of-the-box ideas for growing a reader, helping kids who are learning to read, and gently encouraging reluctant readers. The book is like an easy-to-read field guide with practical advice, tips, book lists and really fun word games as well as additional resources and printables, like computer programs, products, and links referenced in each chapter. Use with children aged 3-10.

Choosing Books for Children: A Common Sense Guide by Betsy Hearne and Deborah Stevenson: This guide will help parents wade through the wide variety of books for young readers by providing advice on choosing and introducing books to young people. At the end of each chapter is a list of recommended titles with a short summary. The authors discuss picture books, pop-up books, classics, and books for beginning readers as well as young adult titles, poetry, folktales, nonfiction, and even controversial books. Use with children of all ages.

Homegrown Readers: Simple Ways to Help Your Child Learn to Read by Jan Pierce: Do you want your child to do well in reading, but don't know how to help? This parent-friendly how-to book provides simple but important ways to help your child gain confidence while mastering the skills needed to become a fluent reader. You'll learn easy-to-do things to support your child as he learns the basics of reading - like what to say when he's "stuck", how to ask helpful questions as he moves past word by word reading to fluency and understanding, and ways to make practice reading more fun. Use with school-age children.

How to Get Your Child to Love Reading: For Ravenous and Reluctant Readers Alike, by Esme Raji Codell: This book is filled with activities, ideas, and inspiration for exploring everything in the world through books! This idea-filled book is an indispensable resource that will help even the busiest parents and the most reluctant children to include literature in their lives. She proves that reading is an adventure. There are craft, story time, and party ideas, mad-scientist experiments, Web-site recommendations, and reading-club activities. Support is given for parents of reluctant readers and enriching ideas are given for eager readers. There are also suggestions for volunteer activities and for getting involved in your child's school. Use with all children:

Mommy, Teach Me! Preparing your Preschool Child for a Lifetime of Learning by Barbara Curtis: The author, a Montessori teacher, shares ideas on how to turn everyday experiences into learning opportunities for preschool children. You will learn how to turn every day at home into a learning adventure your child will never forget. The book is designed as a user-friendly guide to an educational program (home school), but is filled with interactive exercises for you to do with your littlest ones at home to help. There are some Christian references. Use with earliest learners.

Raising a Rock-Star Reader: 75 Quick Tips to Help Your Child Develop a Lifetime Love of Reading

by Allison McDonald and Amy Mascott: What a great book for today's time-crunched parents! This book is filled with easy-to-do tips for creating a literate environment and fun, quick activities for building children's language and early reading and writing skills. Just five minutes a day is all it takes to foster a child's love of reading and learning. Use with children in grades K-5.

Raising Kids Who Read: What Parents and Teachers Can Do by Daniel T. Willingham:

Willingham reveals the three things that are essential for kids to enjoy reading – decoding, comprehension, and motivation – and provides practical tips for supporting all three from birth - adolescence. You'll find great suggestions that help you instill a love of reading, age-specific tips for developing decoding ability, comprehension, and motivation, and advice for helping kids with reading problems and encouraging reading. Use with kids of all ages.

Raising Lifelong Learners by Lucy Calkins:

Calkins shows how to nurture children's imagination at home early on. Having an open and creative approach to conversations, chores, and games can matter just as much as reading, writing, and math. Even in traditional skills like reading and writing, we should encourage our children to read for meaning and write for expression, rather than focus only on mechanics like phonics and spelling. Use with kids of all ages.

The Read-aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease includes a giant treasury of great read-aloud books

plus answers to questions like "How is my child's reading going to get better if I'm doing the reading?", and "My son loves comic books – is that good or bad?" Take time to read the introduction-it can be a "tear-jerker", but contains answers to many questions you probably have. The book is arranged by "stand-alone" topics. You don't have to read from beginning to end - pick a section, or chapter like, "Dad, What's the Score?" about dads and reading, and read it. About half of this book is a "Treasury" list of read-alouds, along with the ages for which each is appropriate. Trelease also gives a brief summary of each book and recommends a related book in case your child is interested in more like it. Use with children of all ages.

Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever:

This is an easy-to-read book by Mem Fox. She reveals the emotional and intellectual impact reading aloud to children has on their ability to learn to read - and on their entire lives. She uses clear examples of how to get the most value and joy out of a read-aloud session. You might be particularly interested in the chapters focusing on boy readers and phonics, as well as the list of "Twenty books that children love." Use with kids of all ages.

Same Homework, New Plan: How to Help your Disorganized Kid Sit Down and Get it Done by Sally

G. Hoyle: Want to decrease homework meltdowns and help your kid succeed? This book offers easy-to-follow steps for busy parents with disorganized kids. It's practical, useful, and provides techniques parents need to win the homework war. It's a good tool for any family with school-age children – disorganized or not! Use with kids ages 7-16.

Slow and Steady Get Me Ready: The How-to Book that Grows with Your Child by June R.

Oberlander: If you have infants, toddlers, or preschoolers at home take a look at this book. It's filled with age-appropriate developmental activities that are easy to understand and take only a few minutes to do. The author shows you when, how, and what skills to develop early in your child's life. Use with very young children.