

Title 1 News

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The Title 1 program provides supplemental instruction in core subjects to eligible students. We work to ensure that all children have an equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and to achieve proficiency on high academic standards.



Reading Confidence

I grew up feeling like I wasn't a strong reader. My household had a few avid readers in it. I was not one of them. Many family car-ride discussions were about Orson Scott Card, the mice of Redwall, or the admiration of Samwise Gamgee. Books always seemed mysterious and wonderful to me as a kid...

but I just couldn't sustain the attention it required to make it through Tolkien's *The Hobbit* at age 11 - like my big sister. Have you ever read that book? Tolkien, I love you, but you can be a bit long-winded!

My self-perception of who I was as a young reader ended up affecting my reading skills and academics in elementary and middle school. I told myself I wasn't good at reading and believed it. I think some of our kids who struggle with reading may follow a similar pattern. That is why I am dedicating this month's entire issue to helping our young readers build confidence in who they are as readers.

-- Title I Team

What to Read?

It's possible our kids aren't reading because they don't know what to read. I know it sounds overly-simplistic, but in a lot of cases, I've found it to be true. Even Calvin can't resist



a book about snakes!

Finding content that is interesting to our readers can be difficult. There is an overwhelming amount of books available. Even when we ask kids to find books that are interesting to them - they can get stuck pretty easily, especially if they don't feel confident in their reading. That is why I love this resource! I have never seen a book list that is so extensive. The blog "What Do we Do All Day"

(www.whatdowedoallday.com) features the "Giant Collection of Book Lists for Kids." So instead of looking through an enormous "Fiction" section of the library, kids can look through sections like:

- Picture Books to Support Emotional Intelligence
- Books about Trying New Things
- Nature Picture Books
- STEM books
- Strong and Fierce Princess Chapter Books
- Funny Graphic Novels



There are more than a hundred lists! But then there are 31 more lists for kids who have enjoyed other books. There are books for kids who liked Narnia books, lists for kids who like the SMILE series, kids who loved Harry Potter, kids who aren't quite old enough for Harry Potter, etc., etc.

It is so easy to find something that is interesting to read here. I wish I could have looked through this collection when I was a kid. I definitely would have been able to find books I loved much earlier in life!

Building Reading Confidence

Quick Tips

Reading Together

If you get a chance to read a book together, it can be a great way to build reading confidence. It's also helpful for kids to hear us make mistakes in reading so they can keep learning that mistakes are ok.

Try out these questions next time you read together:

1. What do you think will happen next?
2. Which character did you like best?
Why?
3. Wait, what just happened?
4. What was the most exciting part of the story?
5. What was the funniest/ scariest/ saddest part of the story?



Play Pictionary!

Play a Pictionary with the actual game or by just writing vocabulary words on slips of paper. You can google "Vocab Words for [grade level]". Multi-sensory reading strategies like this are often very effective!

Involve Kids in Every-day Reading & Writing

If kids struggle with reading, it's easy for them to associate reading as something that is solely academic. Involving kids in tasks like these can help to destigmatize reading.

Try involving kids in these every-day activities:

1. Writing the grocery list
2. Writing down what people want for take-out
3. Writing "To Do" lists
4. Writing out a birthday card
5. Writing wish lists for holidays



Give Reminders

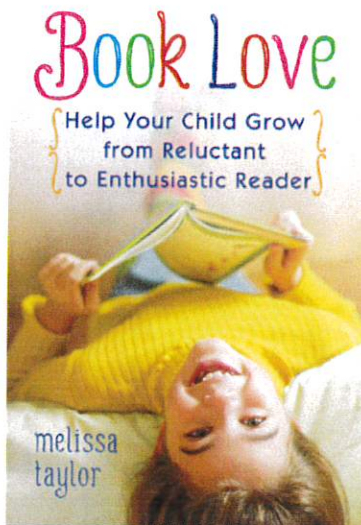
Remind kids that even the things they love take hard work. They don't win new levels of games they love on the first try, and reading works the same way. It's ok to not get the words right on the first try.

**DON'T
QUIT**

Features

Further Reading

This is a book recommendation for parents and guardians about helping kids build reading confidence. The book is called *Book Love: Help Your Child Grow from Reluctant to Enthusiastic Reader* by Melissa Taylor. Taylor is a parent and educator. She addresses common reasons behind why kids are reluctant readers and gives insights and recommendations that are easily applicable. The book also comes with manipulatives like flash cards of sight words to support learning readers.



Hi-Lo Books

Hi-Lo books are a great resource for kids building confidence in reading. They are high interest - low readability books. These are designed for kids developing their reading skills. It gives kids a chance to read books more suited to their interests at a level that isn't overly challenging. You can ask for these books at your library, or look for them on Amazon.



Coming Soon...

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

19 MAY 2022 • 6:00 PM
OUTSIDE @ GATE CITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Are you good at estimating how much candy can fit in a jar?

Do you like snacks?

Want to compete with your family to solve puzzles?

See You There!



Stay Tuned

Stay tuned for more updates and events from our amazing Title 1 program. We are so happy to be able to support our community with Title 1 Services. If you have any questions, or want to become involved with Title 1, please reach out!

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