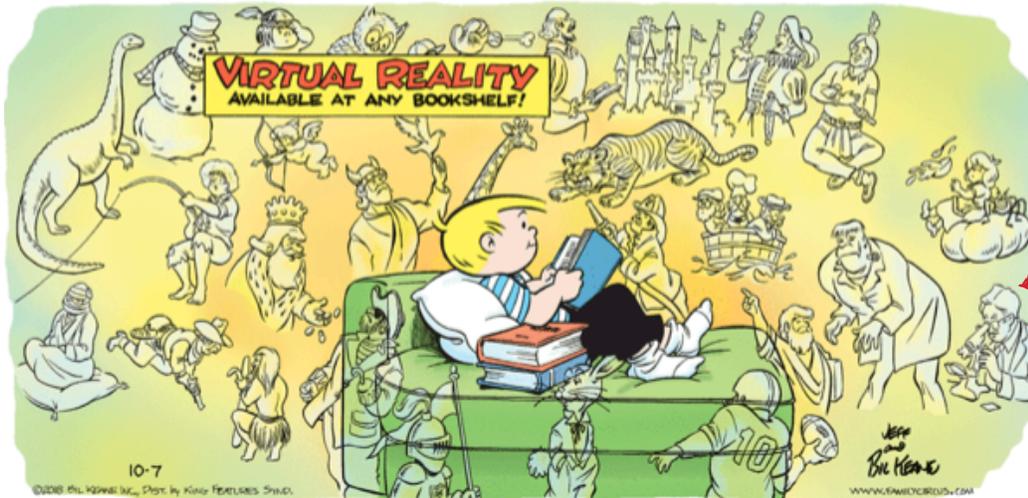


# THE TEAMREAD

# READER



By *BIL KEANE*



**This Fall, 361 coaches in six schools are hoping this becomes reality for 422 2nd Graders!!**

*"The facts, Ma'am. Just the facts."*



# 24

**2nd Grade Teachers**

**Average Pre-Tested Score\***

# 118

**73% below 2nd grade Reading Level\***

\* Based on our pre-testing with the Frye Word list

### ***A couple of ways we're working hard to improve the reading comprehension of our students.***

#1. Each Classroom has a rack of color-coded books, grouped by sight word colors. We are encouraging all coaches to invest a few minutes each session reading a book and discussing it with your students.

#2. We are beginning to collect used books to distribute in our students' neighborhoods for free! If you want to help, email **james**.



## ‘What really interests you?...’

... is the first question, returning coach **Keith Davis** asks of his students upon meeting them for the first time. From their responses, he then tailors his conversations and coaching sessions to their interests. As the year progresses, their interests will change or become more defined, so Keith continues building vocabulary and comprehension accordingly. Keith has the unique position of having an inside track on many of our students’ lives because he attended Lincoln Elementary and was the first class that completed three years at JC-M, the consolidated Jackson High School and Merry High School.

A second question is equally insightful for it’s a question he asks himself, **‘What am I to learn?’** Kevin does not see himself exclusively as the coach and the fount of knowledge; he considers what he can learn from his students and his experiences with them. As he states ‘What we stand to learn holds the manna that could enhance the future effectiveness of TEAMRead!’ Hear Hear! or as Jesus said, ‘...Verily, verily, I say unto you...’

### Can James buy you a cup?

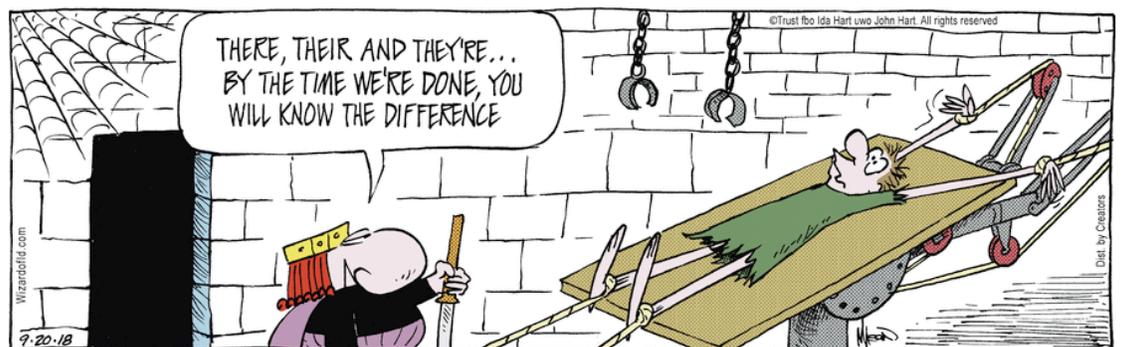
I’d love to get to know you a bit better, so how about getting together for a cup of coffee? Just text me @ 731-803-1604 or email me at <[james@arisejackson.org](mailto:james@arisejackson.org)>



## THE ONE THING

The **‘One Thing’** the readers of this TEAMRead Reader all have in common is a concern for the well-being and education of the young children of our community. One way you can help insure our state government stays on track for this pursuit is to sign up to be an advocate by joining the **Tennesseans for Quality Early Education**. Sign up at [tqee.org](http://tqee.org). NO money, NO meetings, just help keep our state accountable.

**And just for the record: A Coaching Technique we do not encourage :)**



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Check out our updated Website, including an excellent video promo West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation did for us, a FAQ sheet, a ‘how-to’ on getting your business involved + how-to videos on a few of our games.

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