

Monthly Family Newsletter

March 2021

March is Reading Month!

It's Women's History month and National Reading month! Who is your favorite woman author? Who is your favorite female led book? As we know that reading plays an important role in later school success, here are 10 recommendations to help your children learn to read:

1. Teaching reading will only help.

There are hundreds of studies showing the benefits of reading to your children when they are young.

2. Teaching literacy isn't different than teaching other skills.

You don't need a Ph.D. to raise a happy, healthy, smart child. You should enjoy the journey, and so should your child.

3. Talk to your kids a lot.

Studies have shown that exposing your child to a variety of words helps in her development of literacy skills.

4. Read to your kids.

Reading to kids exposes them to richer vocabulary than they usually hear from the adults who speak to them, and can have positive impacts on their language, intelligence, and later literacy achievement.

5. Have them tell you a story.

One great way to introduce kids to literacy is to take their dictation. Have them recount an experience or make up a story.

6. Teach phonics (letter names and their sounds).

You can't sound out words or write them without knowing the letter sounds.

7. Listen to your child read.

If what your child is reading doesn't match the text, that is okay. They are using their imagination and also the illustrations as cues to tell them what is happening. Let them run with it!

8. Promote writing.

Encourage your child to write. One way to do this is to write notes or short letters to her.

9. Ask questions.

When your child reads, get her to retell the story or information. If it's a story, ask who it was about and what happened.

10. Make reading a regular activity in your home.

Make reading a part of your daily life, and kids will learn to love it.

Meet The Educare Family!

Crystal Garcia-Pitts is a Family Engagement Advocate, working with zero to five year olds. Crystal has been working at Educare for about 3 years. She loves the color pink, working out, dogs and Puerto Rican food. If she had a super power, it would be to fly so she can visit her family who live far away. Her favorite book author is Jennie Allen and her favorite childhood book was *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*, which is now her son's favorite book.

"I love when the children are doing an activity with the water table and when it's music time. I love to dance with the children! One of the best things working at Educare is how family oriented the staff and the families are. We all love and truly want to support one another."

From Our Executive Director

JA'NEL JAMERSON

March is Women's History Month and National Reading Month, which means it's the perfect time to curl up with your little one and read books about women's achievements and contributions in music, politics, science, and more. By learning about these successes, they'll have an easier time envisioning their own. As we celebrate women's history month, an annual celebration of the contributions of women to American history, help spark the dreams of young girls by sharing these high-quality biographical picture books with the kids in your life with these books: *A Computer Called Katherine, A Is For Awesome!, Brave Ballerina, Gloria Takes A Stand, I am Sonia, Little Dreamers, Secret Engineer, She Persisted & Voice of Freedom*

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Mark Your Calendars:



Important Dates

- March 3 Virtual parent meeting 1:00-1:30
- March 9 Edushare Market Curbside Pickup
- March 25 Parent Cafe 9:30am-10:30am

From Our Family Engagement Coordinator

JENNY HALL

Turn your child into a stronger student by creating the right support structure and expectations.

Use these **6** tips to help maximize your child's success:

1. **Create a Routine**
2. **Create a Homework Space**
3. **Establish Some Rules**
4. **Set Realistic Expectations**
5. **Read a lot**
6. **Promote Positive Attitudes About Education**

From Our School Director

JODI RAMOS

There are many benefits of reading to your children. It's undeniable that a child's reading skills are important to their success in school, work, and life in general. And it is very possible to help ensure your child's success by reading to them starting at a very early age. Whether you're reading a classic novel or fairy tales before bed, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit your child's life. Some benefits reading to children include Supported cognitive development, Improved language skills, preparation for academic success, developing a special bond with your child, increased concentration and discipline, improved imagination and creativity and cultivating. lifelong love of reading.

Reading aloud to children is truly the single-most important activity for building these understanding and skills essential for reading success that your child will carry with them all throughout their life.

Source: All4Kids.org



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THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY!