


Literacy News
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Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Partners,

We are excited about summer and hope you are too! Along with summer come many fun outdoor activities, but one thing we want to avoid is the summer slide. Research shows that children often lose literacy skills when they're not practicing them.

The great news is that you can help your children or grandchildren slow down or even stop the slide with simple activities. Reading for just 20 minutes a day is crucial, and it can be done outside under a tree or with a flashlight under the stars! Make it enjoyable for all of you.

There are many creative ways to incorporate reading and learning in your family's daily life. Try Mad Libs, read aloud, make a reading fort, play board games, go on scavenger hunts, talk in a group, sing in the car, and cook at home. Cooking is particularly beneficial because it involves measurements and following instructions, and the reward is delicious food!

Kids can also create summer scrapbooks or journals. Visiting your local library is another fantastic option. Rutherford County has an excellent library system! The possibilities are endless, and the best activities are often free or low-cost.

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We look forward to hearing about your literacy adventures!

Happy Reading,

Jolene Radnoti and your friends at Read To Succeed



2024 Volunteer Appreciation

We hosted our 2024 Volunteer Appreciation last month. The gathering is held annually in honor of RTS volunteers who serve in our adult and family literacy departments. This is a special time where individuals receive recognition and praise for the outstanding work they do in the community.

They enjoyed mingling, dining, and storytelling. We enjoyed celebrating them and their significant contributions!

There are many others whom we wish to acknowledge and celebrate, including those who weren't able to make it to the appreciation. A huge thanks to ALL of you. As a whole, our volunteers truly are the difference makers in Rutherford County!

End-of-Year Imagination Stations



We finished the year off strong with our last two Imagination Stations. The students at Cason Lane Pre-K (featured above) and MidCumberland Head Start each received “A bear, a bee, and a honey tree” book and special literacy activities which included an alphabet maze, word building, and coloring pages!

We are truly thankful to be able to put on these early literacy experiences for the children. As always, we couldn't do this alone. A huge thanks to our community partner and funder, United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties for sponsoring this event!

Read To Succeed is looking for Imagination Station volunteers! Volunteers will be responsible for preparing literacy activities, leading fun read-a-longs, and facilitating the event at various sites during the next school year. Training will be provided. Email familyliteracy@readtosucceed.org for more information.

Nashville Predators Foundation Grant Award



In May, we received a \$5,000 grant award from Nashville Predators Foundation. A huge thanks to them for this amazing opportunity! Because of their support, we can put more books into the hands, hearts, and minds of children in Rutherford County.

Adult Literacy Tutors & Learners



We are looking for additional tutors to teach ESL/ELL classes during the upcoming school year! The next new tutor training will be held soon. Dinner, materials, and instruction will be provided. If you or someone you know is interested in this volunteer opportunity, email Tina at alcoordinator@readtosucceed.org or send a text to 615-738-7323. Please make sure to include your name and number.

Also, do you know anyone 18 years of age or older who lives/works in

Rutherford County and struggles with reading, writing, and other basic literacy skills? We can provide one-on-one tutoring services that meet their needs. Please assist them in emailing Tina or sending a text to 615-738-7323.

New Teacher Book Giveaway




New Teacher Book Giveaway

...treat your shelf!

Shop for books and build your classroom library.

 May 1st - August 15th 2024

 Reservation Required:
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Our New Teacher Book Giveaway is back! We invite all first-year teachers who will be working at school districts within Rutherford County to come by our office and choose 30 new/gently used books for their classroom libraries. Our goal is simple...to help new teachers promote literacy and start the new school year off right.

The giveaway is being held now through August 15th. If you or someone you know is interested, email familyliteracy@readtosucceed.org for more information and to reserve a spot!

DONATE



Read To Succeed is celebrating its 20th anniversary! If you would like to help us improve the lives of more people in our community, consider making a \$20 quarterly, monthly, or weekly donation. All funds received will support our youth/adult literacy programs, events, and services. To make a donation, click our logo above or go directly to our website:
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Memorials/Honorariums

Thank you: James & Susan Krier, Patricia Lemkuil, Deborah Kobiske, Cara Jones, and David & Jolene Radnoti for your donation in memory ofCarolynn Kobiske.



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