



## 3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR)

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SCGLR cares about you and your family. Please stay safe by practicing [social distancing and good hygiene](#). For more information about COVID-19 in Florida, click [HERE](#).

### The Coolest Thing!

**THIS BOOK!**  
**is COOL!**

BEGINS JUNE 1, 2020

**GRADES PREK-3**

THIS BOOK IS COOL! is a series of 100 webisodes to encourage a love of reading. Qualified children signed up for THIS BOOK IS COOL! will receive up to 20 books, thanks to the generosity of [The Patterson Foundation](#).

On May 16, many of you boarded the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge rocket ship for the blast-off event. By now, we are over the moon in excitement, as we've

### THE POWER OF PRESENCE: Virtual Book Circles



### *Virtual Book Circles*

Nearly 150 people joined SCGLR for The Power of Presence in the time of COVID-19 with Joy Thomas Moore.

In response to attendee feedback, SCGLR and The Florida Center for Early Childhood have teamed up to offer a series of Zoom chats on

shared plans to [up our game](#). If you missed the countdown, you can still participate.

This year's program will be different. We don't know how COVID-19 will affect the summer slide, but together, we are on course, going the distance with imaginative thinking, and nothing can stop us now! The challenge officially begins June 1 and ends August 7, 2020.

Information about [THIS BOOK IS COOL!](#) (grades PreK-3) and the overall [Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge](#) (grades PreK-5) is located on the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading website on the [Summer Learning](#) tab, under Initiatives & Projects.

Throughout the summer, newsletters, videos, activities, and more will be accessible at the bottom of these pages. A ten page document detailing the in's and out's of the [Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge 2020](#), the [book log](#), and the [Family Guide](#) are currently available.

Please share this [registration form for Spanish speakers](#) in your network. Additionally, SCGLR is working on an updated Spanish Family Guide that will be shared on the website once it's complete, so be sure to check back, or email [connect@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net](mailto:connect@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net).

### **TURBO BOOSTER:**

As of today, nearly 200 children are signed up for THIS BOOK IS COOL! At 500, Beth has agreed to do a happy dance down Main Street. At 1,000, she will sing from the rooftops and join Debra Jacobs, president and CEO of The Patterson Foundation, for a bonus Webisode. Who's curious?

## **CENSUS 2020 PSA**

Recently, Tom Tryon shared Florida was #31 in the census. Now it's 32. With your help, we can encourage more families to [complete the census](#).

how the seven pillars of presence can help guide families through these challenging times.

We invite you to join a facilitated live Zoom chat, offered at a variety of times for your convenience. Now that you're connected, we hope you will share with your network. [Click here for details](#).

## **Accurate Census Count Crucial to Ending Hunger**



Sandra Frank, All Faiths Food Bank CEO

"If our future is to include healthy, well-fed children and hunger-free communities, we must spread the word about the importance of completing the census and make sure no one is left uncounted.

The reality is that an accurate census and a high degree of public participation are critical to ensuring that we receive our rightful share of millions of dollars in federal funds, grants, and other crucial support.

With an accurate census count, asset-limited households can be lifted out of poverty, food insecurity can be significantly decreased, and lifelong positive impacts on health and future economic opportunity can be enjoyed."

[Continue reading](#) how school meal programs, WIC, and SNAP are all at stake in the 2020 Census.

We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at [info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net](mailto:info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net).