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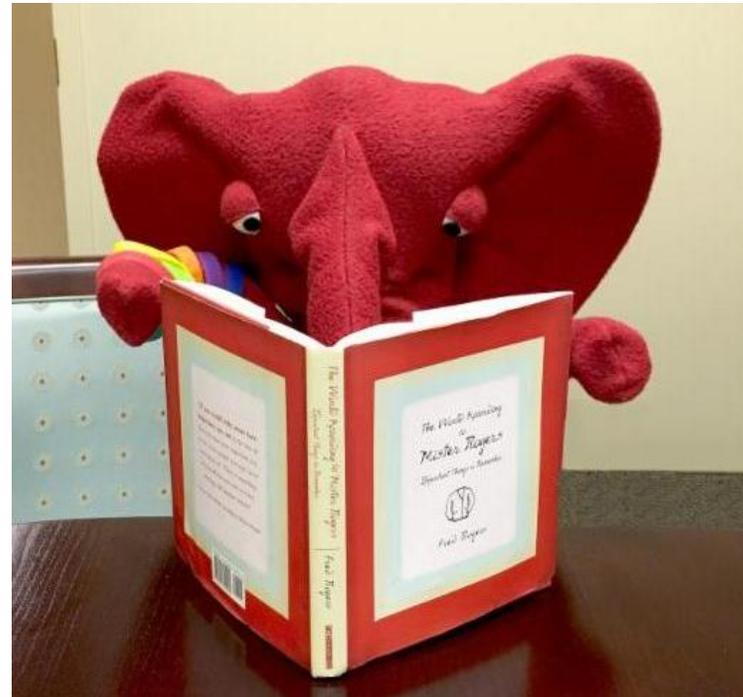
FOR THE BIG KIDS



There's good news, and then there's GREAT news!

This week, SCGLR shared its 100th webisode of [THIS BOOK IS COOL!](#) While summer time is winding down and school is about to begin, we can be delighted to know that THIS BOOK IS COOL! webisodes will live on! As of 8/7/2020, there have been more than 25,000 views. [Access the webisodes here](#) to join in on the fun!

FOR THE LITTLE ONES



"If you want to raise a reader, be a reader."

Did you know the number of words to which an infant is exposed has a direct impact on language development and literacy? Luckily,

We learned this summer that good readers keep reading, and due to the overwhelmingly positive response from children and their parents, SCGLR is making plans so that families, educators, public libraries, and community centers can use this tool to promote the joys of literacy.

Here's what some parents had to say about it.

"My son surprised me and read a book all by himself!"

"She would take the book from me and pretend she was the teacher!"

"She was excited about the variety of books, and I think she will be ahead of the game when school starts."

"She loves reading, so getting these books is making her summer!"

"He prefers to read his favorites over and over again. Thank you all for your dedication to the program!"

And these smiles are unforgettable:

when children are young, it doesn't matter what you read to them, as long as you are doing it in person and making that special connection.

Tips for Teaching Letter Sounds

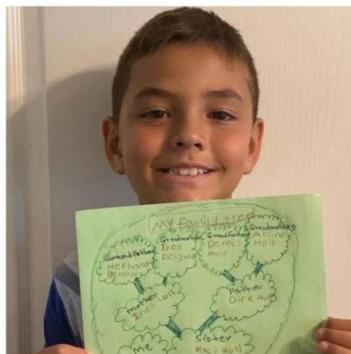
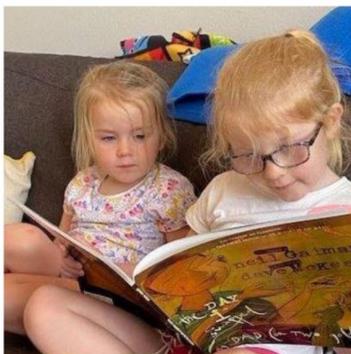
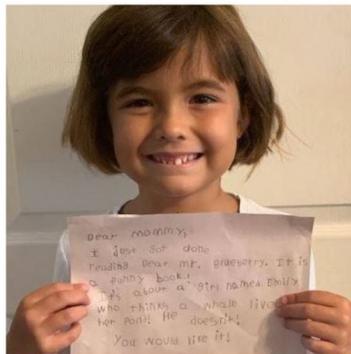
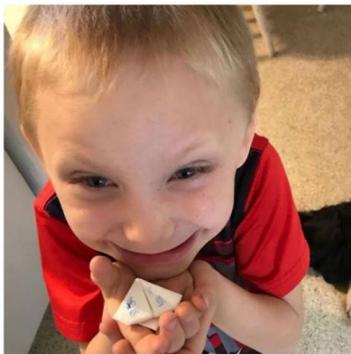
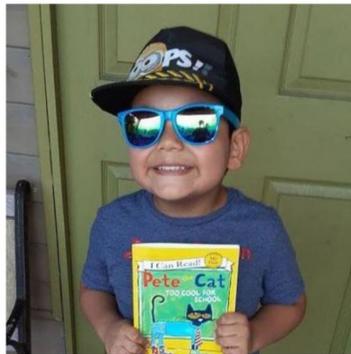
1. Start with your child's name. Starting with your child's name will narrow down where to begin, AND it will be more meaningful for your child.

2. [Teach the correct letter sounds](#). It's important that children are learning the appropriate letter sounds right from the start, or they will end up confused when they're beginning to decode words.

3. Teach similar sounds at different times. When you're first starting out, try to separate letters that make similar sounds. For example, B and P make similar sounds, as do T and V. So work on learning those letter sounds at different times. As your kiddo gets a better grasp of each letter's sound, the possibility of confusion will decrease.

4. Teach multiple letters at a time. Reading and writing encompass the entire alphabet, so it's important for children to be exposed to all of the letters and see how letters work together in literacy.

5. Play games and have fun. Some games might include a basic game of bingo, where the focus is on the sounds each letter



makes. Most kids love playing bingo, so why not incorporate those letter sounds? Picture sorts are another fun and easy game to play when learning about sounds. Place a few letters out on a table, and then have the children sort pictures underneath the appropriate letter based on their initial sounds.

6. Keep reading. Children of all ages, even those who are already reading themselves, benefit from cuddling up and listening to their parents read aloud.

[Source: Powerful Mothering](#)



[Sesame Street: Usher's ABC Song](#)

Every webisode is entertaining and educational. SCGLR has been keeping tabs on views each week, and here are the most

popular ones to date!

Week 1



[*Tornado*, featuring ABC-7 Meteorologist, John Scalzi](#)

Week 2



[*Brontorina*, featuring Principal Dancer with The Sarasota Ballet, Danielle Brown](#)

Week 3



[*The Name Jar*, featuring Embracing Our Differences Education Director, Ben Jewell-Plocher](#)

Week 4



[*Flora and Ulysses*, the Illuminated Adventures, featuring Samoset Elementary School Principal, Maribeth Mason](#)

Week 5



[*More-igami, featuring Origami Artist, Kuniko Yamamoto*](#)

Week 6



[*Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears, featuring Playwright and former Executive Director of the Hermitage Artist Retreat, Bruce Rogers*](#)

Week 7



[*Martin's Big Words, featuring Actor, Playwright, and Director, Joel PE King*](#)

Week 8



[*Capital! Washington D.C. from A-Z, featuring Communications Coordinator for The*](#)

Week 9



[Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type, featuring Recreation Program Coordinator for the City of North Port, Samantha Cremen](#)

Week 10



[Roxaboxen, featuring SNN meteorologist, Marco La Manno](#)

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