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SUNCOAST The Campaign for GRADE-LEVEL READING

3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

> EACH DAY OF OUR LIVES, WE MAKE DEPOSITS IN THE MEMORY BANKS OF OUR CHILDREN.
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> — Charles R. Swindoll

Family Engagement: Why it Matters and How to Make It Happen!

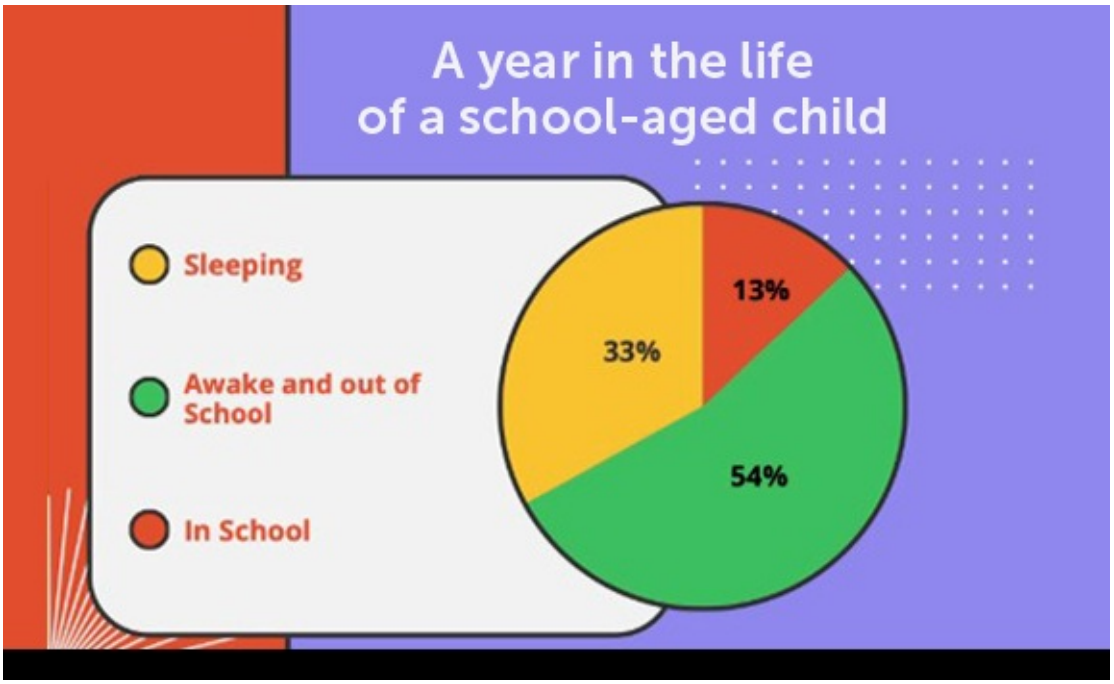
Family engagement is a core pillar of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. You may ask, “What is it about family engagement that is so impactful?”. You’ll see on our website that research confirms:

- Nurturing interactions foster young children’s healthy brain development

and social skills.
- Regular and consistent activities with young children positively affect pre-literacy, literacy, and social-emotional skills.
- Involvement in children's early childhood education and kindergarten transition helps foster positive outcomes.

The impacts begin with young children, but they don't end there. Experiences of family engagement throughout childhood continue to boost social, emotional, and academic development. It may seem hard to believe, but children actually only spend 13% of their waking hours in school. Approximately 54% of their time is spent awake and out of school, and we hope they're sleeping for about 33% of their time.

54%—That means learning opportunities can and need to happen everywhere. Organizations, businesses, libraries, and more can all become "classrooms"!



Knowing that, SCGLR produces Suncoast Remake Learning Days (SRLD), underwritten by The Patterson Foundation, in an effort to strengthen family engagement and hands-on learning opportunities throughout our region during the festival and beyond.

Looking ahead to 2026, SCGLR will celebrate its fifth year as part of the global Remake Learning Days festival! Over the years, we've seen incredible growth and impact across the Suncoast region.
In 2022, our first year, we presented 150 events and served 10,000 participants over 10 days. By 2025, the festival had expanded to 15 days, featuring 378 events and serving 45,900 participants.

As for year five? We'll just have to wait and see!

The SCGLR team knows the value of this celebration of innovative experiences because we get to spend much of our year dreaming about what's possible for Suncoast Remake Learning Days! We want YOU to know why it's such a big deal, too! Here are 5 reasons why this festival has become a vital resource for our community:

1. SRLD events are thoughtfully curated for multi-generational, side-by-side learning for families. It takes the effort off the shoulders of the caring adult(s) and carves space for high-quality fun, connection, and deeper learning as a family!
2. Whether because of asset limitations, time constraints, or simply not knowing something exists, discovering all that our community has to offer can sometimes be challenging. SRLD amplifies community businesses and organizations in the region and exposes our families to what's out there!
3. Children and adults alike make room for play and curiosity alongside each other, often leading to the discovery of new passions for all!
4. The festival creates inclusive and diverse experiences that are accessible to everyone. We all like different things, and we all deserve to try new things. There's no limit to what you might experience with Suncoast Remake Learning Days!
5. It's FREE—no explanation needed…join the fun in 2026!

Whether you're a participant, a host, or a collaborating partner, Suncoast Remake Learning Days thrives because of you. Save the date and mark your calendars! The festival will take place from **Saturday, April 18 – Saturday, May 2, 2026**. We invite you to partner with us in bringing this festival to life, where children and adults learn side-by-side, turning our communities' shared, quality-of-life aspirations into reality.

As we mentioned, being a part of the festival can look many different ways. If you are interested in becoming an Event Anchor Host, you can read more about the details of involvement in our digital brochure. Interested in becoming a Collaborating Partner? Reach out to us, and we'll help make the connections happen. Just want to show up and have some fun? No problem, save those

dates and stand by for more information in the spring!

Not sure how you want to be involved? Join us for one of our Webversations (one-hour information sessions) to learn more and ask all your questions. You can register for a Webversation using this link.

Additionally, we would love for you to join us at our Friendsgiving event on Wednesday, November 5th. It's the perfect time to connect, learn, share, and feel part of all the magic that is Suncoast Remake Learning Days! You can register to attend using this link.

Schedules and plates are often full, but even small moments of connection make a difference. We hope you'll adopt the spirit of Suncoast Remake Learning Days and explore ways to carve meaningful moments into each and every day.

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