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3rd Grade Reading Success Matters



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March 2023




This Book!
is COOL!

For qualifying students
GRADES PREK – 3



Above: THIS KID IS COOL! (parody song 1)

Dear Families + Partners,

THIS BOOK IS COOL! is back, and [registration begins today!](#)

Parents have shared how their children look forward to THIS BOOK IS COOL! One happy mom told us, "Elijah is so excited to sign up! He didn't love reading before, but last year's experience was so good that he said, 'Mom, I get to read ALL summer long!' Those are words every mother wants to hear." These are the words we love to hear too!

Similar to last year, this summer program is open to rising PreK-3rd grade students, with **each eligible child receiving 20 books for their home library and access to an activity book + webisodes** to enhance the fun and love of reading. We are excited to announce that this summer, we will be hosting **in-person family engagement events...whoot!**

Throughout the summer, we'll ask you to check in weekly with your engagement team member and to let them know how many books your child(ren) has read. The check-in can be done via email, text, or phone – whichever is most convenient.

Ready to jump into another summer of reading?

Do you know someone else who would love this program? Feel free to give them a heads-up that **[registration starts today!](#)** You will find links to register for THIS BOOK IS COOL! on the [Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading website](#), Facebook, and [Twitter](#), or **[REGISTER NOW HERE](#)** :-)

We ask that anyone who joins this program be enrolled in a Title 1 School, free or reduced lunch eligible, or have a financial need.

We are looking forward to a summer full of fun. Please reach out to info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net if you have additional questions or need assistance registering.

THIS KID IS COOL! (parody song 2)



Through a collaboration with [The Patterson Foundation](#) (TPF) and [Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy](#) (IU LFSOP), "The Future of the Philanthropic Sector: Experiential Learning with The Patterson Foundation"

provides undergraduate and graduate students attending IU LFSOP a professional growth opportunity via TPF's initiatives. This semester-long course with a cap of 10 students culminates with a weeklong spring Study Away experience at TPF in Sarasota, FL. The Study Away class of 2023 arrived Sunday, March 12. Students dove into projects and experiences representing several TPF initiatives, including the [Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#) (SCGLR).

The SCGLR team visited the Sarasota Art Museum and met with Suncoast Remake Learning Days organizations, including [CreArte Latino Cultural Center](#), [Dreamers Academy](#), [Atomica Arts](#), [Wholehearted Education](#), and [Sarasota Art Museum](#). After meeting with and listening to these organizations, students assigned to SCGLR are preparing a presentation on how to leverage Suncoast Remake Learning Days events to continue strengthening the learning ecosystem for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and English Language Learner (ELL) families while fostering long-lasting collaborations.

As a reminder, [Suncoast Remake Learning Days](#) is an exciting 10-day, free, regional learning festival from **Friday, April 21, 2023, through Sunday, April 30**, in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties. This multi-venue open house will celebrate the joy of adults and children learning side by side.

Suncoast Remake Learning Days, presented by the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading with support from [The Patterson Foundation](#), will consist of more than 200 events over 10 days hosted by organizations, including schools, museums, libraries, after-school organizations, early child care centers, universities, media outlets, and more.

All events are free and designed to be hands-on, relevant, and engaging educational experiences for youth of all ages (PreK through high school) and their families, caregivers, and educators. Suncoast Remake Learning Days gives us the opportunity to spark learning innovation. This festival is a fun and creative way to establish and affirm parents and families as learning allies.

Learning events are grouped by the following themes: Arts, Maker Spaces, Outdoor Learning, Science, Technology, and Youth Voice. There are also Professional Development opportunities for parents and educators.

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April 21-30
#SuncoastRemakeDays



We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net.

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