



## FAMILY GUIDE

*KCPS is excited to launch the KCPS LOVES TO READ initiative!*

**KCPS Loves to Read** is a campaign designed to connect literacy and social-emotional learning to motivate students to read. Our students will build on important social-emotional skills and character traits that will develop them as readers and leaders in their community.

***This guide is designed to provide students and families with tips for strengthening literacy and activities that support the monthly social-emotional skill.***

**Kindergarten – 6th grade students** will participate in monthly classroom lessons and activities that address those social-emotional skills and connect them to the knowledge they are building through the books they are reading in class.

**7th – 12th grade students** will have designated time during their advisory period for social-emotional learning, personal reading and goal setting.

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL  
SKILL OF THE MONTH:**



# BELONGING

*TO BELONG IS: Being a valued, cherished member of a larger community*



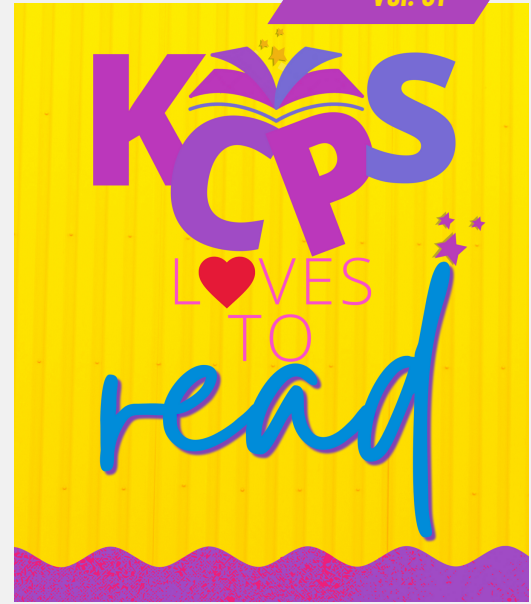
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## LITERACY TIPS

Develop Super Reader Behaviors! These are a few important reading behaviors students need:

- Holding the book/text the proper way (right-side up)
- Reading the words from left to right
- Tracking the words with their finger as they read
- How to find a “just right book”
  - The student can read most of the words
  - The student understands what is going on in the story
  - The student is interested in the book



## AT-HOME ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT BELONGING



- Create Heart Maps: have each family member draw a heart on a piece of paper and fill it with words and images that represent where he or she has felt a sense of belonging.
- Create a Family Mural: create a picture/mural with images that represent each member of the family.

**READING CHALLENGE:** K – 6th grade: Read a minimum of 15 minutes each day  
7th – 12th grade: Set aside time for personal reading each day

*Stop by your nearest KC Public Library branch to check out a section of books that align with the monthly focus skill.*

## STOP AND READ WITH TEAM KCPS

We encourage our students, parents and guardians, staff and community to make reading part of their daily routines. Beginning Wednesday, September 7, and continuing the first Wednesday of each month, KCPS will “stop and read” for 15 minutes across the district. Every employee and student is encouraged to participate, and we invite you to join us, too! Simply grab your favorite reading material and read from 10:00–10:15am.

## CONNECT WITH KCPS LOVES TO READ

Did you try any of the tips or activities? Did your student meet the reading challenge? Show us that YOU love to read! Share pictures of you and/or your family on your social media accounts using the hashtag #KCPSlovestoread, or email [communications@kcpublicschools.org](mailto:communications@kcpublicschools.org) (with the subject line “KCPS Loves to Read”) to be featured on our social media accounts.

Tune into our bi-monthly, virtual “Read Aloud” for elementary students. Each month, we will feature two guest readers from the district and Kansas City community reading one of their favorite books. Join us on September 7 and 21 at 7:00pm on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/kcpublicschools>.

Visit our webpage for suggested book lists (grades K–12) and additional literacy resources:  
**[www.KCpublicSchools.org/read](http://www.KCpublicSchools.org/read)**