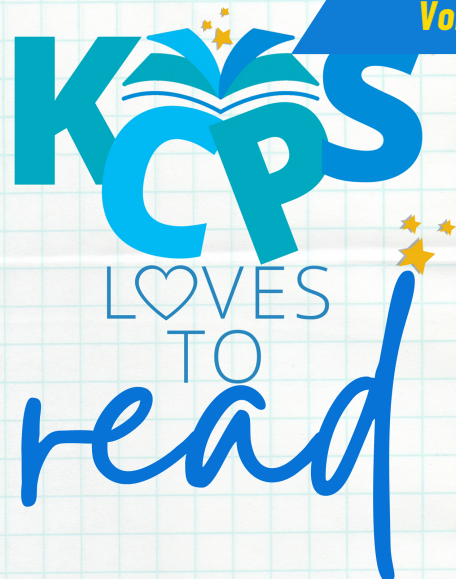


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This guide is designed to provide students and families with tips for strengthening literacy and activities that support the monthly social-emotional skill.

KCPS is excited for the second month of KCPS LOVES TO READ!

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 future leaders in their community.

Kindergarten – 6th grade students will participate in monthly classroom lessons and activities that address 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.

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



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

Having close, trusting relationships and personal connection to others; learning to interact in positive, productive ways

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LITERACY TIPS

Monitoring Understanding: all good readers monitor their understanding of the story as they read to make sure that they know what is going on.

As your student is reading, stop to ask them about the events and characters in the story. If you notice that they are not understanding, encourage them to go back and reread to monitor their understanding.

Some questions you can ask are:

- What is this story mostly about?
- Who are the characters in the story?
- Where does this story take place? How do you know?
- Is this story fiction (not true) or nonfiction (true)? How do you know?

Encourage students to figure out words they do not know when they are reading. They can use pictures or other words in the story to help them or they can ask someone for help.



AT-HOME ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT BELONGING



- Create a Friendship Chain: cut pieces of paper into strips and have each family member write down how they are a good friend and a way others are a good friend to them. Link the strips by taping or stapling the ends together to form a chain.
- Form a Friendship Circle: dedicate a time in your day to come together, form a circle, and share how the person seated to the side of you was a good friend.

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.

Visit our webpage for suggested book lists (grades K–12) and additional literacy resources:

www.KCpublicSchools.org/read



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CELEBRATE NATIONAL BOOK MONTH WITH KCPS

October is National Book Month – a time to celebrate and expand our love of reading! This month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature, and is also a time to honor the country's best books and authors. You and your family can celebrate National Book Month by reading a new book, rereading a favorite book, listening to an audiobook, sharing your favorite book or author with someone else, visiting the library in person or virtually, and by connecting with KCPS Loves to Read!

RECOGNIZE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AS YOU READ

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures and extensive histories of the American Latino community. You and your family can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by reading works by Hispanic authors and creators, and by reading works about Hispanic people and cultures.



CONNECT WITH KCPS LOVES TO READ

Tune into our virtual read alouds on October 5 and 19 at 7:00pm on Facebook Live as special guests from the district and Kansas City community read their favorite books. Join us!
<https://www.facebook.com/kcpublicschools>.

Did you try any of the tips or activities? Did your student meet the reading challenge? Did you “stop and read?” 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 (with the subject line “KCPS Loves to Read”) to be featured on our social media accounts.