

2023 Hellgate Literacy Night



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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE A LITERATE READER?

CURRENT SUCCESSES:

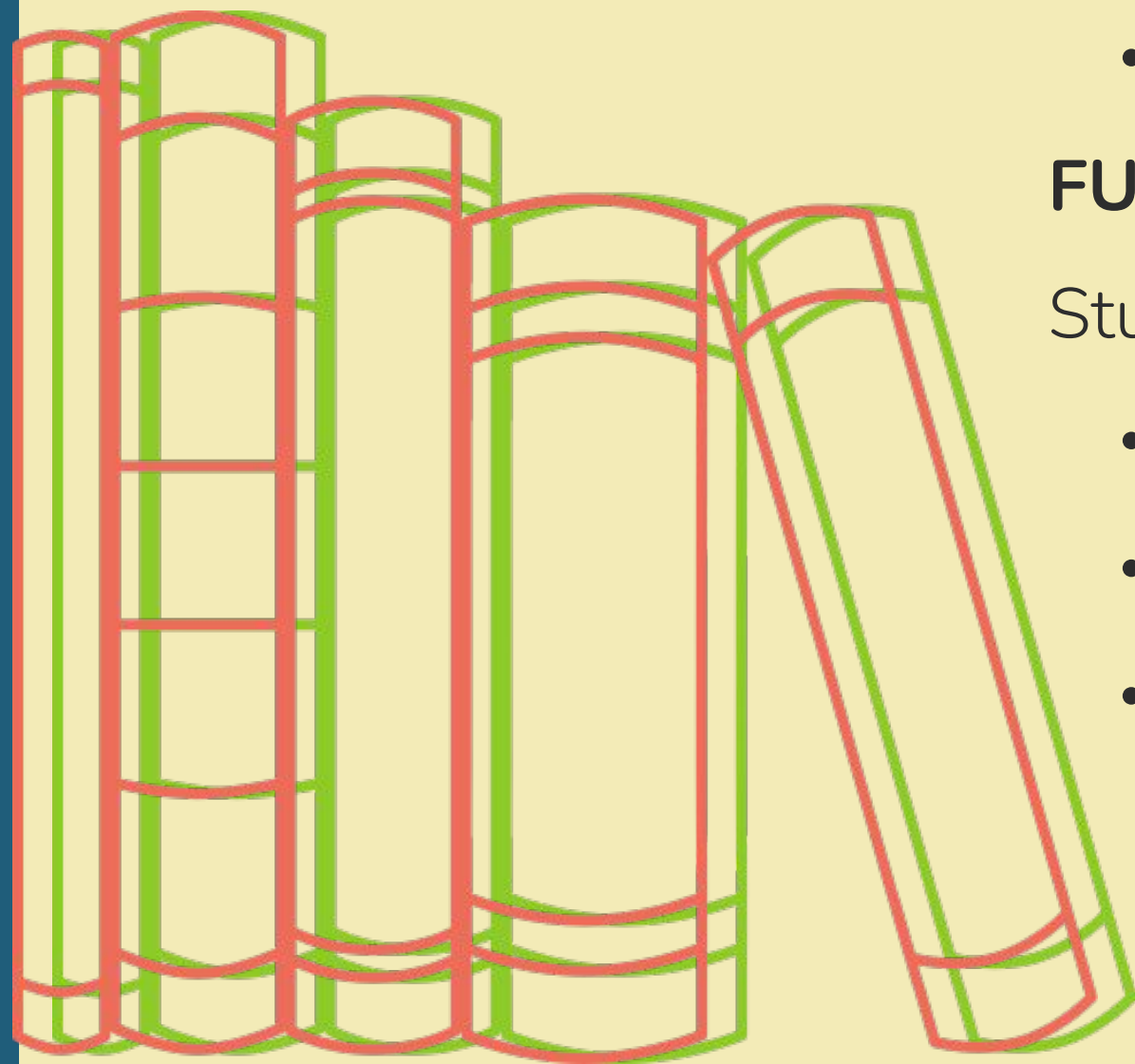
Students who are able to read find

- more joy in school
- they have greater self-confidence
- they see themselves as readers and learners

FUTURE SUCCESSES:

Students who read on grade level have been shown to have

- higher graduation rates
- higher job acceptance rates
- increased literacy success throughout life for a variety of careers



TIPS TO ENCOURAGE A LOVE OF READING

Set a Routine

Find a time and place that works best for your family to have consistent reading time.

WHY? This allows reading to have a positive place in your family and gives a set quality time to share with one another.

Allow Choice

Let your child choose the book they want to read.

WHY? This builds a relationship between the children and family that then allows the child to feel as though they have equal investment in the reading.

Make it Interactive

Ask questions, do voices for characters, point out what you notice!

WHY? Your child already looks up to you. By modeling positive reading experiences, your child will then begin to learn the process as well as know that reading is a fun, interactive activity.

Speak Positively

Choose your words wisely when talking about reading.

WHY? Your child is always listening and what you say matters to them. If you make reading sound like homework or a chore, they will do the same because they value what you have to say.

MODES OF READING

Traditional Novels

- Stereotypical print books
- Rely heavily on words
- Few images to get their meaning across
- Can be digital or physical books



Graphic Novels

- Rely heavily on images
- Have minimal text that often uses grade-level or higher vocabulary
- Can be fiction or nonfiction



Audiobooks

- Are the same print stories read aloud by audiobook narrators



THE BENEFITS OF GRAPHIC NOVELS & AUDIOBOOKS

AUDIOBOOKS

- Allow readers to access books of a higher thinking and reading level
- Activate the same parts of the brain as print reading
- Provide busy bodies an outlet while still engaging their brain
- Model fluent reading for readers

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- Increase critical thinking skills as readers have to infer meaning
- Use complex vocabulary that exposes students to higher level words
- Include all of the elements of stories that high-quality print material has

ACCESSING BOOKS FOR YOUR STUDENTS

Physical Books

Building 3 (4-6 graders)

- Students can check out two new physical books every week.

Building 4 (7-8 graders)

- Students can check out 5 new physical books every week!

Public Library

- Students can apply for a library card with your approval and check out unlimited books as long as they are a Missoula County resident

Digital Books

Building 3 and 4

- Students can check out 3 digital books at a time on Sora, Hellgate Elementary's ebook service.

Public Library

- With a public library card, students can use Libby, the Public Library's ebook service.

Audiobooks

Building 3 and 4

- Students can check out 3 audiobooks at a time on Sora, Hellgate Elementary's ebook service.

Public Library

- With a public library card, students can use Libby, the Public Library's ebook service, which includes audiobooks.

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