

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Literacy Matters

Dear MUSD Parents,

Have you ever read the same bedtime book night after night, again? You know every word. Your child still laughs at the same page.

That's the magic and power of literacy. And it matters just as much in middle and high school as it does in kindergarten.

You play a key role in their reading success:

- **Elementary:** Snuggle up and read together. Let them try reading to you, even if they stumble over words. Chat about the story.
- **Middle:** Ask what they are reading at school or for fun. Offer options they'll enjoy: books, articles, even game guides.
- **High School:** Ask what they are learning. Talk about their opinions. Connect what they read to real life, like college, jobs, or current events.

And at every stage:

- Prioritize attendance. Every day counts.
- Stay connected with teachers. Ask how your child is doing and how you can help.

Reading isn't just a school subject. It's a life skill. And your partnership makes all the difference.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman
Superintendent, Maricopa Unified School District

