

AUGUST 2026**Setting the Foundation: Every Child a Reader Begins at Home**

This Month's Focus: The district's Literacy Action Plan calls for reading and writing across at least two texts in every hour of instruction, every day. August is about building that same daily habit at home before the routines of the school year take over.

Tips for Parents & Families

- Choose one consistent time each day for reading together, even 10-15 minutes.
- Set up a visible, comfortable reading spot at home with a few books nearby.
- Ask your child to tell you about one book, article, or story from their day.
- Attend Back-to-School and literacy family nights to learn this year's literacy goals.

Tips for School Volunteers & Tutors

Grade Band	Volunteer & Tutor Tip
K-3	Read aloud daily and point to words as you go; name letters and sounds you see on signs, cereal boxes, and books.
4-6	Help the student set a personal reading goal for the semester and check in on it weekly.
7-8	Ask open-ended questions about what they're reading ("What surprised you?" "What would you have done differently?").
9-12	Support choice reading tied to their interests, and ask how it connects to something happening in the world today.

** Try This at Home: Word Snack**

Borrow the district's "Word Snack" idea: pick one new word at dinner each night, say what it means, and use it in a sentence together.

"It is not just about students' literacy development; it is about their lives."