

MAY 2027**Celebrating Growth: Reflecting on This Year's Reading & Writing Journey**

This Month's Focus: As the school year winds down, this month is about reflection — looking back at how far your child has come as a reader, writer, and thinker, and celebrating that growth.

Tips for Parents & Families

- Look back together at books read or writing samples from earlier in the year and talk about the growth.
- Ask your child what they're most proud of from this year's reading or writing.
- Thank teachers, tutors, and volunteers who supported your child's literacy growth.
- Start talking with your child about what they'd like to read this summer.

Tips for School Volunteers & Tutors

Grade Band	Volunteer & Tutor Tip
K-3	Celebrate letter, sound, and word growth — compare early writing samples to now if you have them.
4-6	Review a writing portfolio or reading list together and talk about favorite pieces from the year.
7-8	Ask which books or texts this year changed how the student sees something, and why.
9-12	Reflect on academic literacy growth and how it connects to future goals in college or career.

** Try This at Home: My Reading Story**

Help your child make a simple list or collage of every book, article, or story they remember reading this year — a personal "textual lineage" to be proud of.

"Textual Lineage — a 'reading autobiography' that highlights texts that have deeply shaped your identity, worldview, or behavior."