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Parent Resource Newsletter

Monthly tip for parents

Listen and Learn with Audio Books



Audio books are a wonderful way to expose your child to complex language, expressive reading, and fantastic stories. Listening to audio books also gives kids the valuable and enjoyable experience of

using their own imagination to visualize the people and places they're hearing about. Audio books are a great way to experience stories anytime, anywhere.

What to look for

- **Familiar stories.** For your child, listening to an audio book is a very different experience from hearing you read a book aloud. Look for audio books of stories your child has heard you read or tell before. Being familiar with the story will help your child enjoy hearing it from a different reader and become a willing listener.
- **Easy-to-use format.** Consider what format will work best for you and your child. Audio books are available as CDs, pre-loaded MP3, and digital. You can often find them at your local public library. There are also many online digital services such as Audible and Tales2Go.
- **Quality titles.** When choosing audio book titles, seek suggestions from your librarian and recommendations from experts, such as Notable Children's Recordings from the American Library Association. But also get kid opinions on selections to help get them invested before listening begins.
- **Good production.** Whenever possible, listen to a sample of the audio book before you dive in. If the narrator's voice grates on your nerves or you find added music and sound effects to be a distraction, you'll save listeners in your family some time and pain.

What to do

- **Listen to audio books together.** Audio books are a wonderful shared reading experience and a shared story gives everyone in the family something to talk about. Plus, you can help boost your child's thinking skills by asking questions about what you've listened to or take turns with your child retelling favorite parts of the story.
- **Feel free to stop listening.** If an audio book isn't engaging, try another!
- **Keep your young listeners in mind.** While kids can listen on a higher level than they can read, some stories may be too complex for young listeners to follow and enjoy. There is an abundance of audio picture books and poetry to enjoy and no need to rush straight into Harry Potter.
- **Don't let audio books take the place of you reading aloud to your child or telling them stories.** The time you spend together will help your child make a lasting discovery of what reading for pleasure is all about.

Resource: www. Reading Rockets; January 2017 article, By: Reading Rockets, Rachael Walker

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Helping Your Child Succeed

Teach Kindness in Kids

One Way: Assign chores.

Kids should understand that a certain amount of helping is requested and required "just because": just because they're members of a family, just because they live under the same roof, and just because it's the right thing to do. So show them where the cat food is or how to clear the dinner table and make their beds. And keep a chore chart to track and reward completion of their tasks. Your kids will feel great pride in doing their share and learn the importance of helping others.



Did You Know

This year, **Random Acts of Kindness Week** begins February 12-18, marking the beginning of a week-long celebration dedicated to encouraging people to do one thing: *be kind*. While the delivery of this message is appropriate for all times, it's especially appropriate now.

History: Random Acts Of Kindness Day (this year, February 17th in the USA) was first created in Denver, Colorado in 1995, Random Acts of Kindness can include just about anything, including something as simple as sharing an umbrella in the rain, lifting someone up with your words with a compliment, giving a smile or simple hello to a stranger...all these things can help to really turn around someone who's having a bad day.

How to Celebrate? Every day should be a day to be kind, but here are some ways to spread kindness around on this day.

- * Smile at a stranger at your bus stop.
- * Say "thank you" to your bus driver for driving you safely.
- * Compliment a friend.
- * Buy someone their favorite snack.
- * Help your neighbor shovel snow.
- * Make a note to do nice things throughout the day and use #RandomActsOfKindnessDay to post on social media.



Did You Know...that randomness is a mathematical concept? In statistics and probability, a random event means that it cannot be predicted.

Getting to Know Your Title I Staff at Davey

Meet **Miss Lindsey Scott**. She is a **Title I Reading and Math Tutor** here at Davey School. This is Miss Scott's first full time teaching assignment since graduating from college in May 2016, however; she did work at a preschool for about three years before coming to Davey. Lindsey obtained her teaching degree from Kent State University. Her favorite subject in school/college was Math, but she loves Reading as well. Miss Scott always wanted to be a teacher. Some of her family members work in education and she loved helping them with projects when she was growing up.

Lindsey is unmarried, however; engaged. She currently lives in Brimfield on a farm and has lived there with her family for twelve years. Her hobbies and interests include reading, cooking/baking and spending time with her family. She listens to all kinds of music, loves to watch 80's movies and collects reading books that she read as a child. Her mom has been a positive influence in her life and Lindsey considers her a best friend. She goes to her for advice for many things and she trusts and values her opinion as well as admires her strength, humor and her love of cats!

What Miss Scott likes most about being an educator in the Title I program is getting to know students in all grade levels that need that extra support. "I can help them reach their learning goals and see they are capable of anything when they work hard", says Lindsey. She also likes working closely with the Title I team and collaborating with the classroom teachers.

She feels students can learn many things in her small groups. Says Miss Scott, "Besides Reading and Math skills, I try to work in life lessons; creating a mini-community, so students can practice kindness and doing the right things".

Miss Scott views the parent-teacher relationship as a team, working towards a common goal – getting their students to succeed and love learning. She makes sure there are several ways that parents can keep in touch and contact her and she writes notes home frequently to keep parents informed in what is being taught. She encourages parents to be actively involved with learning at home.

"When I can give students support, love, knowledge and problem-solving skills; that provides me the greatest pleasures in teaching. Also, when I can teach kindness and the students use it in their lives, that is wonderful as well", says Lindsey.

We are happy to have Miss Lindsey Scott as a Title Tutor here at Davey. We hope you take the opportunity to meet her personally. ☺

Site Review

Resources available for Parents and Families:

Check out this Website:

BrainPOP is a trusted learning resource supporting core and supplemental subjects; reaching millions of learners worldwide. It gently encourages young learners to ask questions and form their own ideas. **BrainPOP** has engaging learning games, animated movies and activities designed with relevance, depth and humor to encourage kids on their unique learning path. Kids learn about historical events, science and even the stock market, all with the help of a plucky robot and his friends. Check it out!

Kids' Corner

Create a Kindness Jar for Random Acts of Kindness Week

Can you imagine a community of people doing kind acts? Even if the recipient is not doing a good deed, you will be touching them and making them smile. First, get out a pen and some paper and brainstorm some kind activities you can do for family members, friends, teachers or others... no matter how big or small. You will be surprised how easily you come up with ideas. Then follow directions below:

Materials: a Mason jar, coffee can or another type of container, kind acts written out on strips of paper
Directions:

1. Print kind acts onto strips of paper: For example:
At School: sit by someone who is sitting alone at lunch, pick up trash in the hallway, write a thank you note to a teacher, etc.
At Home: help mom with the dishes, play with baby brother while mom takes a rest, get Dad his newspaper, or help sister learn how to ride a bike.
2. Put your strips into jar.
3. Pull one strip out each day and do that kind act sometime during **Random Acts of Kindness Week**.
4. Using the Five W's (Who, What, Where, Why, When, and How) keep a journal and write daily the kind acts you performed or share aloud your kind activity experience with your family.



Here are our 2016-2017 Title I Contacts for our Title I Program at your school

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Literacy Coach, Mrs. Kristin Garner:

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Walls School (330-676-8300)

Parent Involvement Coordinator,

Ms. Pam Bose: All Schools (330-676-7425)

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Buckeye Chuck sees his shadow. Predicts 6 more weeks of winter !!

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