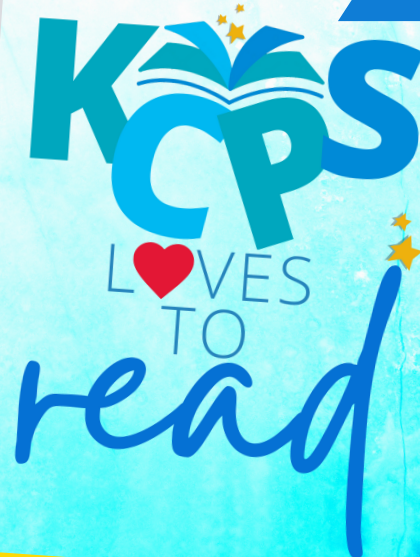


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Let's keep reading with KCPS LOVES TO READ!

Since September, we've been spreading the joy of reading and developing our students' leadership skills through our KCPS Loves to Read campaign, which is designed to connect literacy and social-emotional learning to motivate students to read. Our students will build on important social-emotional skills and character traits that will develop them as readers and future leaders in their community.

Kindergarten – 6th grade students will participate in monthly classroom lessons and activities that address social-emotional skills and connect them to the knowledge they are building through the books they are reading in class.

7th – 12th grade students will have designated time during their advisory period for social-emotional learning, personal reading and goal setting.

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STOP AND READ

We encourage our students, parents and guardians, staff and community to make reading part of their daily routines. On the first Wednesday of the month, KCPS will "stop and read" for 15 minutes across the district. Every employee and student are encouraged to participate, and we invite you to join us, too! Simply grab your favorite reading material and read from 10:00-10:15am.

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL
SKILL OF THE MONTH:**

KINDNESS



KINDNESS: Being compassionate toward others; expressing tenderness that has an impact, near and far.



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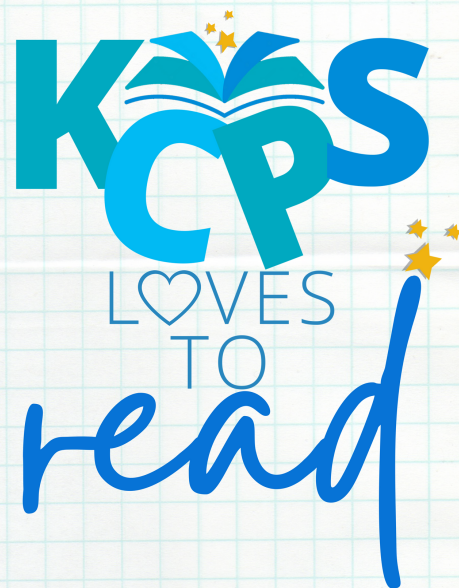
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LITERACY TIPS

Making Connections: as your student is reading, ask them what they are reminded of.

- Discuss connections they have between themselves or someone they know and the characters in the story.
- Discuss connections they have between places they have been and the places (setting) they are reading about.



AT-HOME ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT KINDNESS



- **Kindness in Action:** Create a list of actions that you and your child can do to show kindness to others. Post that list somewhere in your home and add to it as you come up with new ideas. Challenge members of your family to commit to doing the actions on the list.
- **Messages of Kindness:** Write kind, anonymous messages to members of your family, your community, or even a teacher. Leave those messages for them to find.

READING CHALLENGE:

K – 6th grade: Read a minimum of 15 minutes each day

7th – 12th grade: Set aside time for personal reading each day



Visit our webpage for suggested book lists (grades K-12) and additional literacy resources:
www.KCpublicSchools.org/read

Stop by your nearest KC Public Library branch to check out a section of books that align with the monthly focus skill.

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CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK NOVEMBER 7-13

Children's Book Week was established in 1919 and is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, young people across the country participate by attending events at schools, libraries, bookstores, celebrating at home and engaging with book creators. You and your family can celebrate Children's Book Week (CBW) by reading aloud with family and friends, acting out scenes or characters from your favorite books, writing book reviews, doing craft projects related to your favorite book, creating a cozy reading area at home and connecting with your nearest library or bookstore.



● LIVE

We invite you to tune in to "Kansas City Reads", where we read together on a Facebook Live, every first and third Wednesday of every month at 7 P.M.
www.facebook.com/kcpublicschools



CONNECT WITH KCPS LOVES TO READ

Tune into our virtual read alouds on October 5 and 19 at 7:00pm on Facebook Live as special guests from the district and Kansas City community read their favorite books. Join us!
<https://www.facebook.com/kcpublicschools>.

Did you try any of the tips or activities? Did your student meet the reading challenge? Did you "stop and read?" Show us that YOU love to read! Share pictures of you and/or your family on your social media accounts using the hashtag #kcpslovestoread, or email communications@kcpublicschools.org (with the subject line "KCPS Loves to Read") to be featured on our social media accounts.