Kids all around Sarasota and Manatee county are getting smarter and having loads of fun just from reading during the summer! The Suncoast Summer Book Challenge lasts until August and all you have to do to participate is read six books. Adults are also joining in on the fun because reading is #AgeFriendly (and we never stop learning)!

We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net.
The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is sponsoring the 2017 Suncoast Summer Book Challenge.

Participating students are reading and logging at least six books at their appropriate reading level between June 6, 2017, and August 21, 2017 (11 weeks).

This region is coming together in unity to close the gap so that all children can read at grade level by the end of third grade. To prevent summer slide, together, more than 45 summer camp providers, library systems, school systems, summer recreation locations, foundations, and teaching artists have been working collaboratively to provide summer learning opportunities to all children, especially those from low-income families. This collaboration has allowed for integrated programming, efficiency savings through shared experiences, increased learning through shared knowledge and data, and will help develop a stronger more unified voice in support of our most vulnerable children.

All participating students have been provided with the official Suncoast Summer Book Challenge Log and a Parent Guide. As children finish books and enter them into their logs, they are awarded brightly colored silicone bracelets, a different color for each book read. The awarding of bracelets takes place at least twice a week at each participating summer location.

A culture of reading is embraced and encouraged by all staff members interacting with the children.

The emphasis in each location is on cultivating a love of reading. Going above and beyond to make the most out of the challenge, each location is offering literacy based experiential learning to enhance the Suncoast Summer Book Challenge.

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is keeping track of the number of children participating in the Suncoast Summer Book Challenge, and the number of books read. In partnership with the public school systems, iReady scores will be used to determine the amount of summer gains or losses in reading. All students who reach the six book goal will participate in a special welcome back to school event.

Mind in the Making (MITM) is a resource for parents, grandparents, child care professionals, early learning educators, and caregivers. It draws on brain development research to inform practices that lead to better outcomes for children through the promotion of essential skills.

Each module provides participants the opportunity to reflect on their own experiences and practices, learn what researchers have discovered about how children learn best and discuss how to apply this research in their role as a parent, caregiver, or educator.

Michelle Delp, a fourth-grade teacher at Lamarque Elementary School and a Mind in the Making Facilitator, recently shared an interesting story about a breakthrough that happened during a WOOP session in Mrs. Ackley's Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) classroom.

To read more stories from MITM Facilitators, visit the SCGLR blog.

If you are interested in becoming a MITM Facilitator, you can learn more and register HERE.
Did you feel it? Last week our region became even stronger when the community celebrated the United Way of Manatee County and United Way Suncoast merge.

Support for SCGLR is now stronger than ever!

Do you have friends, family, colleagues or neighbors who you think would be interested in signing up for the monthly SCGLR Newsletter? If so, please share by using the sharing icons at the top of the newsletter.

Research shows that proficiency in reading by the end of third grade enables students to shift from learning to read to reading to learn and to master the more complex subject matter they encounter in the fourth-grade curriculum.

We look forward to sharing engaging news and updates with you. The Patterson Foundation respects your privacy and will not share or sell your contact information.

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VOLUNTEER

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is looking for heros (aka volunteers) to help label 1,300 books for Reach Out and Read, assemble 1,500 sets of material and information for Tiny Hands, and stamp 7,000 postcards. It's a big task, but together we can do it!

Volunteers will meet at Manatee Community Foundation on Friday, August 4, 2017, from 8:30am-5:00pm.

Please contact Donna Puhalovich at dpuhalovichtpf@gmail.com for more information.

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