



# 3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR)

February 2019



## READING IS THE KEY TO SUCCEEDING



### -- THE POWER OF PRESENCE --

To harness the inherent power of Suncoast families and strengthen the parents who shape them, the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, with support from [The Patterson Foundation](#), is facilitating a series of Book Circles open to the community to explore *The Power of Presence*, written by Peabody Award-winning author Joy Thomas Moore.



(total time: 5 minutes)

### MIND in the Making



#### FREE WORKSHOPS

**Mind in the Making**  
currently enrolling:

**Team Dandy -- SRQ**  
Mondays  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Team X-Plore**  
**Bradenton**  
Saturday, April 27th  
Saturday, May 4th  
8:30am - 4:30pm

**Talleres de La mente**  
**en formación Equipo de**  
**Fuego**  
Lunes  
9:00am - 11:00am

In this 5-minute recap, Joy Thomas Moore captures the audience with her heart and her humor as she highlights meaningful excerpts and examples of the seven pillars of presence -- heart, faith, mind, courage, financial freedom, values, and connectedness -- that can be used to positively influence our most valued resource, our children.

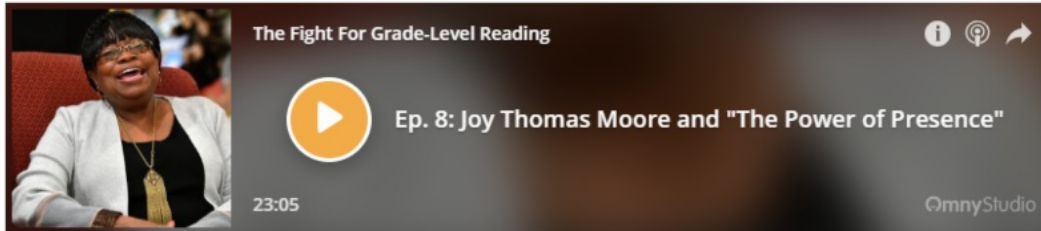
"I've been a single mother three times; twice by choice."

"Kids need to know that you care, before they care what you know."

"We know it's the best thing for these kids, and they are so ungrateful! [Audience Laughs] But, then you have to sit back and say, ok... don't expect kids to say thank you. Not until many, many, many, years later, and they realize you're not so stupid after all."

She ends her message by emphasizing the power of parents in their children's lives. "Kids listen to their parents, so if we want to reach our children, parents need to be respected because they are equal partners in the essential job of having our kids reading proficiently by the end of third grade."

For a deep-dive into Moore's message, grab your favorite snack and listen to the [Herald-Tribune's 23 minute "The Fight For Grade-Level Reading Podcast"](#) with Brian Ries.



[\(total time: 23 minutes\)](#)

Usually, the early bird catches the worm, but late birds are still welcome to fly with us!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

## Ending the "Summer Slide."



To avoid the "summer slide" in our region, SCGLR is hosting its 2019 Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge Information Meeting at the Selby Public Library on February 20th, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

**Team Eager -- Port Charlotte**

Friday, March 1 & 15  
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Saturday, March 2 & 16  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Orioles Baseball Game**  
Saturday, February 23  
10:00am - 1:00pm

**Kindergarten Readiness Bags -- DeSoto County**  
Wednesday, February 27  
11:00am - 1:30pm

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**SCGLR welcomes the Attendance Awareness Poster Contest winners to the Baltimore Orioles Major League Baseball Spring Training Game**  
Saturday, February 23  
1:00pm - 3:30pm

**Kindergarten Round-up! at Wilkinson Elementary**  
Tuesday, February 26  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

**Embracing Dr. Seuss' Differences Day**  
Friday, March 1

**Tampa Bay Rays Major League Baseball Spring Training Game**  
Saturday, March 2  
1:00pm - 3:30pm

**Kindergarten Round-up! at Alta Vista Elementary**  
Thursday, March 7  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Pittsburgh Pirates Major League Baseball Spring Training Game**

In 2018, the Suncoast Summer Book Challenge, with support from The Patterson Foundation, engaged with 83 summer providers from Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties to encourage children to read at least six books during the summer months.

Nearly 5,500 children participated in the challenge, with nearly 5,000 completing the challenge by reading at least six books. In total, they read 126,787 books!

SCGLR obtained aggregate performance data for 69 summer providers who worked with elementary school-aged children for at least four weeks during the summer months. These children took an i-Ready diagnostic test in the spring of 2018 (AP3) and an i-Ready diagnostic test in the fall of 2018 (AP1), allowing SCGLR to compare their scores for an indication of a summer reading gain or loss.

[Click here to see last years results!](#)

Join the conversation as we begin exploring what we can accomplish by working together this summer -- 2019 -- to end the "Summer Slide."

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR TODAY'S EVENT AT SELBY LIBRARY](#)

## 1 CommUNITY, 25 Questions



The [Florida Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and [Age-Friendly Sarasota](#) are conducting an age-friendly survey, [#ForAllAges](#).

Questions include topics about housing, safe walkable / bikeable neighborhoods, Universal Design, transportation, outdoor spaces, and takes about seven minutes to complete.

We encourage you to share your voice.

Take the survey in [English HERE](#)  
Take the survey in [Spanish HERE](#)

[Training Course](#)  
Saturday, March 9  
1:00pm - 3:30pm

[Kindergarten Round-up!](#)  
[at Gocio Elementary](#)

Tuesday, March 12  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

[Kindergarten Round-up!](#)  
[at James Tillman Elementary](#)

Thursday, March 21  
2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Kindergarten Round-up!](#)  
[at Blanche H. Daughtrey Elementary](#)

Thursday, March 21  
2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Kindergarten Round-up!](#)  
[at Florine J. Abel Elementary](#)

Thursday, March 21  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

[Kindergarten Round-up!](#)  
[at Palm View Elementary](#)

Thursday, March 21  
4:00pm - 6:30pm

[Kindergarten Round-up!](#)  
[at Cranberry Elementary](#)

Thursday, March 28  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

[Kindergarten Round-up!](#)  
[at Tatum Ridge Elementary](#)

Thursday, April 4  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

[FREE Parenting Program](#)  
[Groups at Forty Carrots](#)  
[Family Center](#)



[All Faiths Food Bank](#)  
[Mobile Distribution](#)

[Seventh-Day Adventist](#)  
[Church](#)

Thursday, February 21  
10:00am - 12:00pm

**Riverview High School**

Tuesday, March 5  
4:30pm - 6:00pm

We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at [info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net](mailto:info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net).