



3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR)

August 2019

A Stellar Milestone!



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Summer may have already come and gone, but the campaign, our allies, and 97 locations worked tirelessly to instill a passion for reading to 8,709 kiddos in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties.

You may have heard the saying, hard work pays off! Here's the breakdown from this summer's reading challenge:

- In total, 8,709 children participated--a 60% increase over 2018
- Of 8,709 kids, 6,876 read six or more books--a 40% increase over 2018



Literacy Under the Oaks

September 7

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

FREE Parenting Program Groups at Forty Carrots Family Center

MIND in the Making



FREE WORKSHOPS

Mind in the Making (MITM)

Currently Registering:

Team Proud

North Port

Begins Thursday, Sept 5
8:30am - 10:30am

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Tuesday, September 10,
October 8, November 5,
December 3
5:00pm-7:00pm

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How many books did 8,709 kids actually read this summer?

Drum roll please.....

- 198,570 Books--a 57% increase over 2018!

How incredible!

Although school is back in session, takeaways from the blastoff event and reading challenge can be repurposed throughout the school year.

[Click here to access or download details so you can create workshops similar to the ones from the Blast Off event.](#)

[Click here \(and scroll down\) to access the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge newsletters with strategies and tips that will keep the students in your lives reaching for those stars!](#)

While it's important that the data from the test scores in October show an upward trend, it's worthwhile to note the valuable impact of connections made, of relationships built, and of memories created during the reading challenge. For example, with the extraordinary attention to detail at Glenallen Elementary's Summer program, it's easy to imagine how positive experiences with reading, like below, can influence a ♥ of learning.

As we move into the 2019/20 school year, it will be fun to observe how the new connections and strengthened relationships positively impact our children.



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Equipo Koala

Tuesday, September 17,
October 22, November
12, December 10
5:00pm-7:00pm

Team Orion

North Port
Saturday, September 28
Saturday, October 5
8:00am - 4:00pm

Team Renew

Bradenton
Begins Thursday, Jan 9
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Team Quiz

Holmes Beach
Begins Wednesday, Jan 15
6:00pm - 8:00pm



Why participants ♥ Mind in the Making

1. A learning adventure designed to help you and your children thrive.
2. Workshops available in English and Spanish.
3. Convenient dates, times, and locations/new classes.
4. An excellent way to show the ♥ to the little ones in your life.
5. Parents, grandparents, child-care professionals, early-learning educators, and caregivers are welcome
6. FREE workshops and FREE childcare

Mobilizing Communities So All Children Make the Grade

Recently, [K.C. Compton](#) from [Early Learning Nation](#) interviewed Ralph Smith and Beth Duda about the nationwide campaign and SCGLR's work as a Pacesetter Community.

In the publication, Beth shares, "It's not a school issue, it's a community issue. If we're going to make a difference, it is incumbent on us to look at our shared aspiration for the children in our community. I have not met a single person whose wish is that only 20 percent of our children succeed in life."



Additionally, K.C. wrote a companion article entitled, "[Why Don't We Just Do That?](#)" where she interviewed Amanda and John Horne, owners of [Dive into Reading](#) about their motivation to develop the program, its growth, and how mentors continue to sparkle through a required 1.5 hour Mind in the Making training (see right column for more information about [Mind in the Making](#)).

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We hope you will join us in this series of FREE workshops. Each Mind in the Making workshop provides participants the opportunity to reflect on their own experiences and practices, discover how children (and adults) learn best, and discuss how to apply the knowledge while learning about all seven essential life skills:

- Focus and Self Control
- Perspective Taking
- Communicating
- Making Connections
- Critical Thinking
- Taking On Challenges
- Self-Directed Engaged Learning

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We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net.