

## 3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR)

February 2021

### CELEBRATE EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES READING DAY WITH FAMILY!



SCGLR is offering the following prizes to the schools or organizations with the most families attending this event. Note that prizes are based on attendance rather than enrollment.



#### 1st Prize

A "Reading is the Key to Succeeding" cloth face mask for every student, teacher, and staff member at the school/org (valued at \$3 each) AND \$1,000.00

#### 2nd Prize

100 "Reading is the Key to Succeeding" cloth face masks AND \$1,000.00

#### 3rd Prize

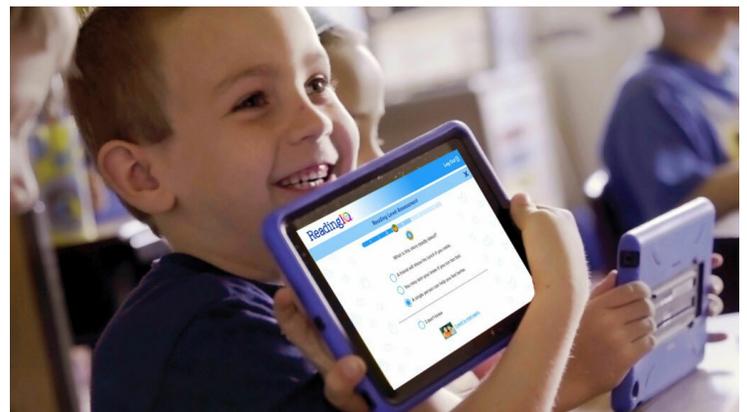
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Join [THIS BOOK IS COOL!](#) host Beth Duda and artist Cedric Hameed for an interactive family activity sponsored by the [Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#) and [Embracing Our Differences](#). Participating families will receive a copy of *Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream* for their home library.

*During this 1-hour workshop, families will explore thoughts and feelings through spoken word poetry and share ideas to create a collaborative work of art. Guests will need to have paper, a pencil, pen, or crayon, and their*

### Age of Learning Gives Florida Families FREE Access to ReadingIQ

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[Age of Learning](#) joined members of the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, and other officials in a virtual press conference to unveil the New Worlds Reading Initiative and announce its support through a strategic partnership to advance literacy.

The announcement of this partnership between Age of Learning and the Florida House of Representatives is one

of the highlights of Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! and the New Worlds Reading Initiative. The initiative is designed to help improve literacy rates through Florida's first-ever statewide book delivery and parental-engagement program.

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Literacy Week and the New Worlds Reading Initiative are meant to highlight how essential it is for children to have access to books to foster a lifelong passion for learning and put them on a path to success. Currently, only 47 percent of Florida's students beginning elementary school

imagination handy! This family-engagement activity is designed for adults and children, Pre-K through Grade 3. Please invite families in your network who may be interested.

[Click here to register for the virtual event on Tuesday, March 2, 6:30pm-7:30pm.](#)

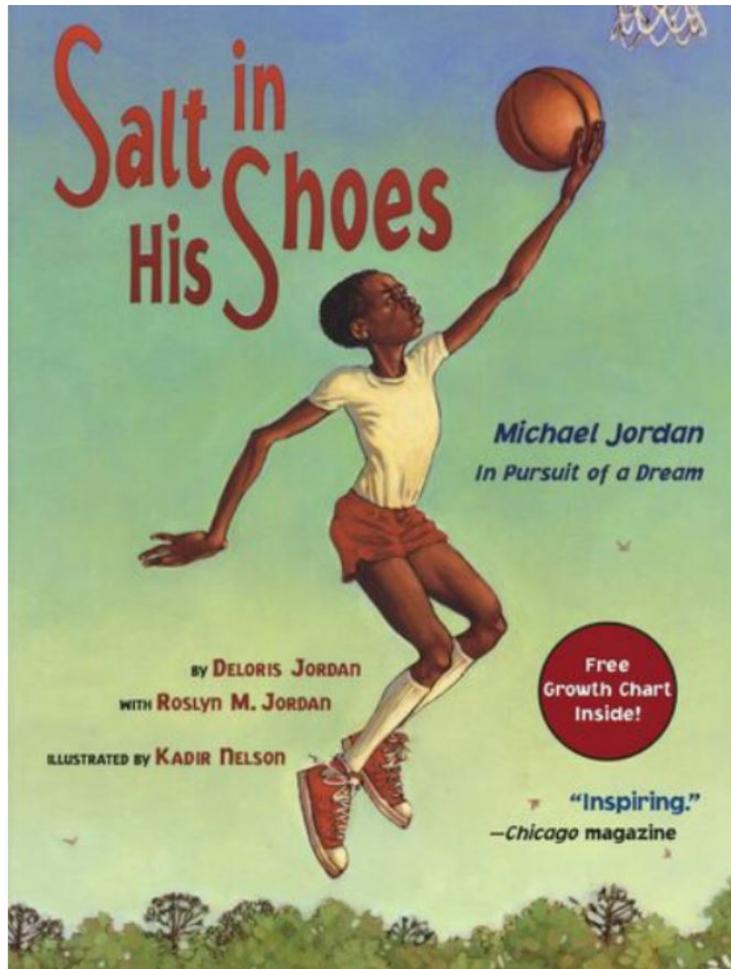
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are academically prepared for kindergarten, and only 43 percent of the state's 3rd-grade students are reading at grade level based on statewide assessments. These 3rd-grade reading struggles lead to negative long-term educational outcomes: 88 percent of students who do not graduate from high school struggled with reading in 3rd-grade. The free access to books offered to Florida families by Age of Learning through our ReadingIQ digital library is expected to help improve literacy rates in the state.

"Age of Learning is excited to support the New Worlds Reading Initiative through our ReadingIQ program," said Age of Learning CEO Paul Candland. "The easy-to-access ReadingIQ platform will immediately provide Florida's children with thousands of high-quality titles from popular publishers that help them build and grow a love of reading, all while improving comprehension and literacy. This resource will also allow parents to develop a better understanding of their children's current reading level and progress through the assessment feature of ReadingIQ, while ensuring each child has access to books that match his or her interests and level."

Florida families can sign up for free access to the comprehensive digital library at [ReadReadingIQ.com/NewWorlds](http://ReadReadingIQ.com/NewWorlds).

[SOURCE: Age of Learning](#)



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**STRONGER ME, STRONGER WE GOES TO SCHOOL!**

The Stronger Me, Stronger We leadership team is busy creating workshops to share useful and relevant content while connecting individuals and families in community.

Schools and nonprofits have shown interest in partnering with SCGLR by forming participating cohorts.

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SCGLR's Engagement Team is working with Samoset Elementary to kick off the "THIS BOOK IS COOL! In-School Program" in ten of the school's K-3 classrooms. This program will provide the classroom teachers with resources for three TBIC! books developed around a theme of their choice. SCGLR is providing the teachers with standards-aligned lesson plans, copies of the books for each child's home library, access to the incredible webisodes for each of the books, and fun activities and extensions for learning. The team hopes that this will continue to foster a love of reading in the children, while providing resources at home to continue to make learning exciting!



Stay tuned as we evolve together! In the meantime, SCGLR Engagement Team member, [Laurie Miller](#), is making learning fun with her inspiring [THIS BOOK IS COOL! Tweets!](#) Which video is your favorite?

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