

# Welcome Letter

## LET'S READ TOGETHER!



A READ ALOUD PROGRAM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

### Welcome to the 2020 “LET’S READ TOGETHER!” Program Sponsored by JEFFERSON COUNTY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

“LET’S READ TOGETHER!” is a reading program designed for providers and families to spend time reading with their child(ren) to support love for reading and learning. Children love to listen to stories, look at pictures, hear and see the words and talk about what happened in the story.

“LET’S READ TOGETHER!” is a great tool for your very special time during the day when you sit down to read to your children.

Materials included in your packet: (Make more copies as needed)

- Let’s Get Started Sheet
- Family Letters (one per family)
- Interactive Cutout Sheets (These should be copied to be used in child care and sent home for families)
- Super Reader Award Certificates (one per child at the end of the Reading Program w/free book provided by JCCCA)
- Group Award Certificate (to be returned in exchange for the free books for each child to take home)

The “LET’S READ TOGETHER!” program starts on **August 26, 2020** and ends **October 28, 2020**.

Detailed program instruction and guidelines are on the “LET’S GET STARTED” sheet. A prize for the top three programs reading the most books will be awarded. If you have any other questions regarding the reading program, please call or email Stacie Hightree at 303-278-0017, [slhightree@msn.com](mailto:slhightree@msn.com). The program materials will be on our website at [www.jeffcochildcare.org](http://www.jeffcochildcare.org) if you need extra copies of cutouts or family letters.

# LET'S GET STARTED

1. Tell your children that they are going to be participating in a reading program. Show them the poster and the cutouts.
2. Explain that every time they read a book at child care or at home they will write the name of the book on the cutout and tape or paste it on the poster.
3. The more books they read, the more cutouts they will be able to add to the poster. The cutouts may even spill out over the sides of the poster. This is such a wonderful way to keep track of how much you and your child(ren) have been reading.
4. Let the children know that you are going to send home cutouts to their families so when they read at home they can fill them out and bring them to child care to add to the poster.
5. Show the children the Reading Award Certificates. Tell them that on **October 28, 2020**, you will reward them a certificate and a book that they can take it home to keep.

## AT CHILD CARE

1. Beginning **August 26, 2020** start reading at least two books each day to your children. You can read any books you choose.
2. After reading, add a cutout to the poster provided. You can make more copies of the cutouts throughout the program time. Have fun with this! You may create your own cutouts or use the ones provided by making copies.
3. At the end of the week you can count the books read. This will allow you to practice math, numbers and counting with the children in your care. It is fun to keep track on your calendar how many books have been read each week.

## FAMILIES AT HOME

1. Copy and send home a family letter and cutout page with each family. Explain how important this program will be to their child(ren).
2. Ask the families to read one book or more each day with their child/children and fill out one of the cutouts. Once the cutout has been filled have the family bring it to you.

## GROUP AWARD CERTIFICATE AND RECEIVING BOOKS

1. Fill out the Group Award Certificate completely. Write down the total of books read as of October 28, 2020. Use the children's first names only. Please use ink.
2. Bring the Group Award Certificate to the October Association Meeting or send to Stacie Hightree to be redeemed for the free books to give the children.
3. There is no charge to participate in "LET'S READ TOGETHER!"
4. Enjoy this program as one of the JCCCA benefit.

# FAMILY LETTER

## LET'S READ TOGETHER!



A READ ALOUD PROGRAM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN  
Sponsored by Jefferson County Child Care Association

Dear Family,

Our Child Care program is participating in the “LET’S READ TOGETHER!” reading program to support children’s love for reading. Twenty (20) minutes a day creates a lifetime reader. Research proves that reading aloud to a child is the single most effective factor in raising a reader.

### THIS IS HOW IT WORKS

- Every day we will be reading at least two books together at child care. Every time we read a book we will write the name of the book we read on the cutout, then place the cutout on our poster to keep track of all the books we read together.
- We encourage you to participate at home by reading every night with your child at least one book. When you do, please write the name of the book on the cutout provided. Please send the cutouts once they have been filled out with your child(ren) to put on our poster.
- It is so much fun to see how many books we can read, place them on the poster and watch them spillout over the sides of the poster. By reading together, we can support children and help them prepare to be successful at reading and enjoy it throughout their lives.

### TIPS FOR READING TO YOUR CHILD

Hold the book so your child can see the words and pictures.

Vary your tone, volume and pitch as you read.

Pause now and then to explain, comment, ask questions or look at pictures.

Discuss the characters and what happened in the story.

Ask about how the events or story relate to your child.

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Start reading today! At the end of the program your child will receive a special Reading Award Certificate and a book to take home.

Visit your local library (<https://jeffcolibrary.org/>) and check out the fun books to share.

While there, go to a story time, move at Let’s Dance, and explore at Discovery Play. Everyone is welcome, especially babies!