

*A few words from the RES Community*

*As you prepare for the holidays by selecting gifts to delight family members, please consider the gift of books. And as we begin a new year and all the promise it brings...we ask that you help carve out more time for reading.*

There are RES families that we know who...

- Visit the library once a week
- Snuggle on the couch each night for family reading
- Read aloud to their children well after they can read well themselves
- Have baskets of library books in their living room
- Talk about favorite books at the dinner table
- Read in bed with their child every night—even if the child is reading one book and the parent, another
- Work HARD to find books their reluctant reader will read
- Do not allow their children to watch TV on school nights
- Go to see the movie only after the child (or family) has read the book

If you wanted to get better at playing the piano, riding a bike, or playing soccer, you would practice. The very same is true for reading.

*Let's all commit to bringing more reading to the lives of our children.*

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