

Parents as Literacy Partners: Parents Make the World of Difference

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It has become a tradition at the Project that once or twice a year, we open our doors to parents, providing them with a whole array of workshop choices. Parents and school-based parent coordinators from around the Tri-State area travel in to join us at these workshop days—a testament to just how seriously and thoughtfully parents take their role in raising lifelong learners and supporting their children's schools. This year, we are pleased to once again offer workshops on topics near and dear to parents' hearts. This day will contain three rounds of workshops, and during each of these rounds, parents will have a variety of topics from which to choose.

Research study after research study has shown that what happens outside of school is crucial to students' academic success. Every teacher will say parents are the most essential asset to children's development. It matters that children have access to books, time to talk to parents and siblings about their reading, and thoughtful homework support. This day will help illuminate the research and rationale behind Project schools' literacy curriculum, offer suggestions for books children will want to read now, and practical tips for how parents can support children's development as readers and writers. Our staff developers, many of whom are parents themselves, will tackle the most pressing issues on many parents' minds. From tips on supporting reluctant third grade readers, ways to challenge prolific middle school writers, or help with understanding the newest standards and testing requirements, our staff will cover it all.

We will offer a variety of workshops led by members of the Reading and Writing Project community, including Lucy Calkins, Founding Director of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project and Richard Robinson Professor of Children's Literature. We look forward to another exciting day with parents from across our community and are honored to help parents join us in the mission of enabling young people to become avid readers, writers, and inquirers.

In order to attend the day, parents will need to obtain an Admissions Ticket through the school's principal. Parents will be required to bring their ticket with them to the day.