



Parents As Reading Partners

“Reading together: Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) Program”

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Brief History

- * National PTA
- * New York PTA
- * Parents As Reading Partners (PARP)

Mission Statement

“To provide PTA units, libraries, communities and other parent groups with a clear understanding of the PARP Program, including literacy resources, so that all children will have the tools to develop a life-long love of reading and learning.”

PARP Goals

- * Encourage reading at home to supplement school reading programs.
- * Allow children to discover that reading can be fun as well as informative.
- * Fortify children's reading habits.
- * Strengthen the bond between home, school and community.
- * Provide parents with information to help their children become better readers.
- * Bring parents and children closer together by sharing the pleasurable experience of reading together.

Rules for a PARP Program

- * That a parent or adult in the parental role, and a child must read together at least 15 minutes a day
- * That it's fun as well as informative
- * That you keep it simple and flexible

Available Resources

*** New “*Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) Toolkit*” CD**

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SECTION 1 – PARP Program

- * About the program
- * Guidelines for the program
- * PARP Logo & Tagline
- * Theme Ideas
- * PARP Programs –
Preschool through High School

PARP Program for Preschool Level

- * **3 – 5 years old**
- * **Sample PARP Program:** Pirates, Knights and Tourists
- * **Goals:** Instill a curiosity and love for reading
Increase reading opportunities for children
Expand children's knowledge of books and why they are important
- * **Suggested Committee Members:** PARP Chair, Parents/grandparents, preschool teacher, librarian, community member (Note: You can use any or all of these people on your committee. Don't be discouraged if your committee is small. As long as you get these people to support your PARP program you will be ahead of the game).
- * **Cost:** From \$0 to \$500. Try to use materials currently available at your facility. Cost depends on the activities you incorporate into the PARP program. An outside presenter could increase the cost.
- * **Timeline:** 2 weeks for preschool program

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* **Implementation/Activities:**

- * A sample room theme could be “We Treasure Books” or “The Kingdom of Read-a-Lot”
 - * Treasure chest in the room filled with books
 - * Treasure map – chart out the room/school to the library with an x where the treasure of books are
 - * Have a “dress like a pirate or knight or tourist” day
 - * “Explore” the library
 - * Use puppets to read stories to the children
 - * Keep a reading log with coins for a treasure chest – build up coins by “reading” books
 - * Guest reader day – use grandparents or other room volunteers to come and read stories with the children
 - * Create and write their own stories – have children use their imagination and “tell” you a story where they are a pirate, knight or a tourist; put these stories into Kidspiration (or other computer program) and post up around the room/school
 - * Activity like a “Where’s Waldo” (but where’s the pirate or knight...) game – send out a pirate/knight/tourist to different places, so that their picture can be taken with a book in various places, then compile a summary of all the places that the pirate/knight or tourist traveled with a book
 - * Turn off the TV and read day
 - * Earn points for going to visit the local library and have a form signed by a librarian
 - * Have the room decorated like a pirate ship or a castle or various countries
- * **Results/Evaluation:** Children will “read” with a family member/guardian for 15 minutes every day.

Section 2 – Programs & Activities

- * Promoting your program
- * Description of Activities
- * How to run a Book Fair
- * Steps and Questions for Artists,
Author/Illustrators and Performers visit

Section 3A – Sample Form

- * Sample Calendars
- * Sample Letters & Invitations
- * Sample Fliers & Press Releases
- * Sample Reading Logs

Section 3B – Sample Activities

- * 10 Good Reasons to Read Aloud to Your Children – English & Spanish
- * 100 Things a Child Can Read Other than Books & Magazines
- * Read a Shirt Day

Section 4A – 4E

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- * PARP Award Application available on the NYS PTA web site (www.nyspta.org) in January (New York State ONLY)

Section 5 - Resources

- * General Internet Resources
- * How to Translate
- * How Children Learn to Read
- * Information on Reading Aloud and Helping Your Child Become a Good Reader

Wrap-Up

- * Parents As Reading Partners (PARP)
Toolkit – coming soon to the NYS PTA
web site (www.nyspta.org)

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