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- Nashville Predators
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**Read to Your Child Every Day**

Infants and Young  
Toddlers

Look for books with bright pictures

Be interactive

Fluctuate your voice

Allow your child to participate

Read briefly but frequently



**Dear Friends of Read To Succeed,**

Summer is almost here, and along with it comes a great opportunity for you and your child to spend quality time reading together. When curled up with that favorite book (or maybe a new adventure), remember the following.

- Don't speed through the stories. Let your child know that you appreciate him and want him to participate.
  - Talk about the pictures in the story.
  - Ask your child to predict what will come next.
  - Let your child turn the pages.
  - Talk about new or unfamiliar words.
  - Take turns reading
  - Read favorite books over and over and over and over...
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**Can you spell "suspensful"?**

Twenty-five bright and energetic 6th grade students took center stage at Patterson Park Community Center on Saturday, April 4 for the Sixth Annual Read To Bee championship. It was

S-U-S-P-E-N-S-E-F-U-L. After an hour of nail-biting, edge-of-your seat spelling only two spellers remained, Mori Fukui from Erma Siegle Elementary and Sayoni Ghosh from Discovery School at Reeves Rogers.

Sayoni broke through the finish line by correctly spelling "boudin," a French word for a type of sausage. For her efforts Sayoni received a \$500 savings bond and \$100 in cash from Mid South Bank. Sayoni said "I am glad that I gave up time over spring break to study for the bee. It was worth every minute." But Mori didn't go home empty handed; Mid-South also provided her with \$200 in savings bonds and \$50 in cash.



Both spellers did a fabulous job. Kristy Mall, teacher of the winner, also received a gift certificate from the Learning Circle. For a webcast of the Bee visit the [Read To Succeed website](#) or call the local city cable channel in your area for viewing dates and times.

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**Adult Learners: How to identify someone who might need help.**

Not being able to read can be an embarrassing and awkward situation for adults. There are many adults in our own community who, for whatever reason, have difficulty with reading. They may be your neighbor, co-worker, friend at church or someone in your own family. Non-readers develop a multitude of coping skills

to hide their reading deficiencies. Here are a few examples:

### Preschoolers

- Pick stories with repeated phrases
- Read slowly
- Encourage participation
- Encourage your children to pretend to read

Passing paperwork on, ordering the same item when eating out, rarely responding to written messages, taking paperwork home to complete, saying "I left my glasses at home", handing paperwork to someone else to fill out giving an off handed excuse, asking for verbal directions--even when written ones are provided, saying they didn't have time to read something or impatience "Just tell me what it says.", telling others "I'm a "people" person, not a paper pusher, so don't write me memos or notes; pick up the phone or come by and talk with me."

### Where

- On your lap
- Create a special reading place
- While standing
- In their beds

These are only a few of the many common recurring signs that family or friends might see in a person who cannot read. Do you recognize these or similar signs in someone you know? If you do, please let them know about the free one-on-one tutoring help available through Read To Succeed Adult Literacy Program. Encourage them to call 615-738-7323. All services are confidential. Read To Succeed staff and volunteers are very compassionate and understanding of the courage it takes to make that call and begin the journey.

### Terrific Tips

- TURN OFF THE TV
- Record yourself reading a book
- Read by flashlight
- Have special heading hat
- Narrate what your child did that day

The Adult Literacy Program was started in 2005 to meet the needs of adult learners who need help with reading. The ALP program maintains over 40 learner/tutor pairs that meet on a weekly basis to work towards the learner's literacy goals. The hard work the learners and tutors put into their sessions is amazing and the rewards are staggering. If you are interested in being a trained tutor-please call 615-738-7323 to register for the next training session.

[Read more about the Adult Literacy Program ...](#)

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### **Donations**

Read To Succeed is funded by donations from individuals, businesses and grants.

To help support literacy in Rutherford County with a tax deductible donation:

or mail to:

**Read To Succeed**  
**P.O. Box 12161**  
**Murfreesboro, TN 37129**

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### **Shining Star Volunteer News**

In honor of National Volunteer Week April 19 -25, Read To Succeed held a luncheon to honor some of the many outstanding volunteers that make a difference to our community and to Read To Succeed. Join us in recognizing and

congratulating the following awardees:

Tutor of the Year - **Judith Russell**

Learner of the Year - **Robert Carlton**

Volunteer of the Year - **John Glasgow**

Council Member of the Year - **Kim White**

Community Volunteer of the Year - **Carlene Hurst**

Council Member of the Year - **Jennifer McGrew**

Best City School Involvement - **Bellwood-Bowdoin Preschools**

Best County School Involvement - **Smyrna West**

Best Corporate Support - **Copy Express**

Best In-Kind Support - **Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation**

Community Partner of the Year - **MTSU**

Karen Claud Read To Succeed Literacy Award - **Cliff Sharp**

Questions about volunteering? [operations@ReadToSucceed.org](mailto:operations@ReadToSucceed.org)

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### Note from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Literacy,

Its never too late to not show-up!

Please take the time to join our supporters and make a donation to the Read To Succeed Adult Literacy Program No-Show fundraiser. You do not have to go to a party, walk, run, or collect sponsorships! A donation of any size is fully appreciated and will help an adult learn to read. Please send your check, payable to Read To Succeed, to PO Box 12161, M'boro, 37129 or "click " on the donate button at [www.readtosucceed.org](http://www.readtosucceed.org) to use the safe & secure PayPal with your credit card. You may also read about our programs, apply to be a volunteer, and view the entire invitation at our website. All donations are tax-deductible and stay in Rutherford County. Reading is a gift. Please share it.

Thank you.

Literacy Matters,

Ronni Shaw

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