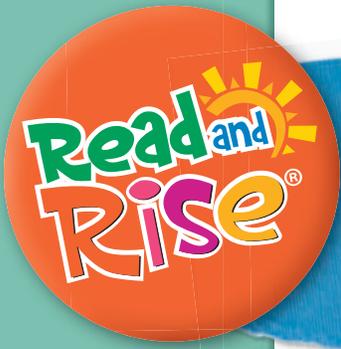


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Read and Rise Workshop
Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
School Library
Bring journal!

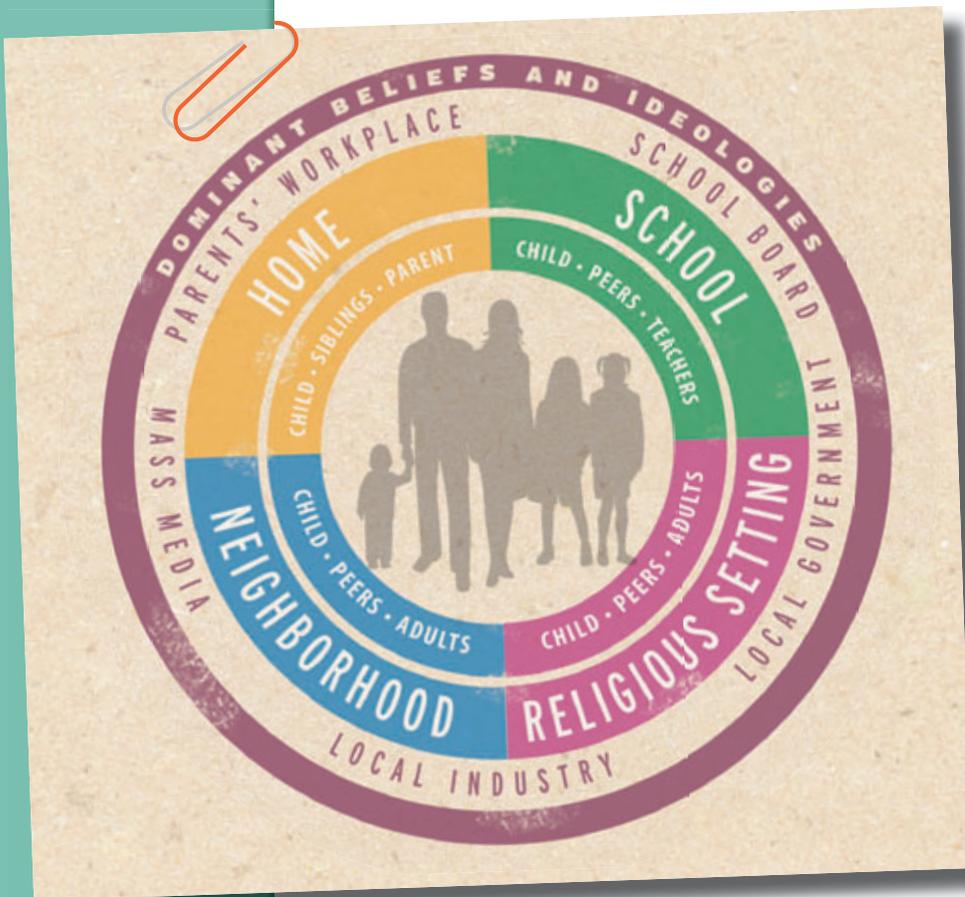
Read and Rise Cultivates Literacy



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Read and Rise is a comprehensive literacy solution that unites homes, schools, and communities around the common goal of developing literacy skills in young children. Based on the latest research, Read and Rise raises awareness of the specific literacy needs of children from diverse backgrounds and builds replicable models of literacy-rich communities.

Designed to support families and child care providers, Read and Rise strengthens communities and cultivates literacy.



Read and Rise is influenced by the ecological model of human development,¹ which suggests that the most important systems in a child's development are those that are closest to where the child lives. By scaffolding learning across schools, families, and the community, Read and Rise supports the most influential systems in a child's life and helps to build and reinforce positive literacy practices.

¹Bronfenbrenner, U. (1994). "Ecological Models of Human Development" *International Encyclopedia of Education*, Vol, 3, 2nd. Ed. Oxford: Elsevier. Reprinted in: Gauvain, M & Cole, M. (Eds.), *Readings on the Development of Children*, 2nd Ed. (1993, pp. 37-43). NY: Freeman.

Research suggests that the power of a child's academic success lies in the strength of his or her relationships. Engaging stakeholders in a child's life across their key networks at home, school, and in the community, helps build long-term academic success and a sense of resilience.

For Families: Read and Rise reinforces the important role that families play in their children's literacy development through the use of targeted and frequent literacy activities that emphasize family strengths, culture, language, and traditions.

For Communities: Read and Rise serves as an anchor, providing a unified approach for child care providers such as early child care centers, Head Start programs, and other community-based organizations to nourish literacy and language development, building the capacity of organizations to provide the services that children and families need.

Read and Rise Outcomes

- shifts attitudes, knowledge, and behavior of families, educators, and community leaders in support of children's early literacy skill development
- empowers and engages families and educators to use the strengths and traditions of homes and communities as literacy-building opportunities
- provides a comprehensive, adaptable model for homes, schools, and communities to become literacy-rich environments

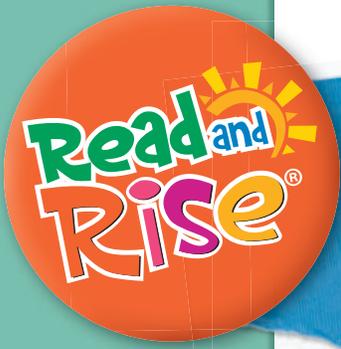
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Read and Rise helps to ensure that all children have the opportunity to be successful in school and beyond.

Read and Rise improves adults' skills, attitudes, and behaviors to increase support of children's early literacy development.



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A child from a family rich in books is 19% more likely to complete university than a comparable child growing up without a home library.

– Research in Social and Mobility, February 2010.



For Families

From the day a child is born, parents and family members can begin to support literacy development, paving the way for success in school and life.

At the heart of the Read and Rise program is a series of conversation workshops. The workshops are called “conversations” because they encourage families to talk and learn from each other.

Read and Rise fosters understanding about the family’s role in supporting language and literacy development by encouraging intentional use of literacy development practices in the home. Research suggests that families are the most important influence on a child’s language and literacy development.

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Parents who participated in the workshops felt more connected to their child’s school.

—Osceola County,
Read and Rise program
case study

The Power
of Conversation



Dialogue helps to facilitate learning in both children and adults. That’s why Read and Rise developed workshops that focus on conversation. By sharing experiences, stories, and wisdom, all families participating in the workshops learn fun strategies that nurture their children’s love of reading and create a foundation for future academic success.

Families are the most important influence on a child’s literacy development.

Family Workshops

Based on the latest research on literacy development, the Read and Rise family workshop model:

- helps parents become more aware of—and confident in—their role in supporting their children’s early literacy skills
- increases parental awareness of the importance of culture, language, and everyday activities in the development of their children’s literacy experience
- enlightens families to become more purposeful and intentional in applying what they already know, and shares strategies for gaining new knowledge
- engages parents in developing best practices and activities to help their children expand their oral and phonetic literacy development



Read and Rise
FAMILY CONVERSATIONS
SESSION 2: Culture, Traditions, Everyday Experiences

ACTION PLEDGE

By sharing my family's culture and traditions, and through everyday experiences, my child will learn important literacy skills at home. During this week I am going to try the following activities:

- Talking and listening to my children
- Reading aloud
- Singing songs
- Sharing rhymes
- Telling stories

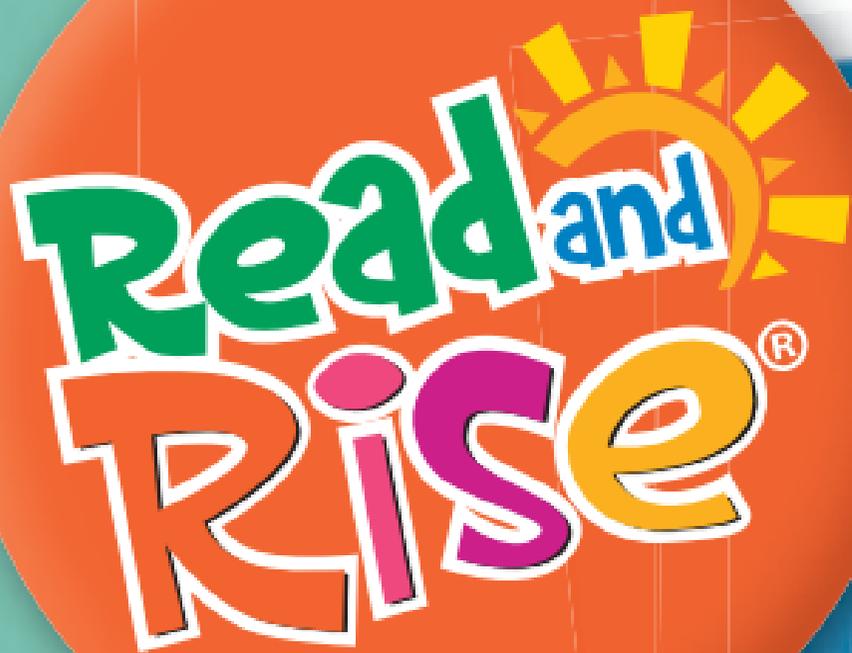
Parent/Family Member's Signature _____

Date _____

Parents are given goals to help enhance their child’s literacy skills through their cultural traditions and practices. Parents sign their weekly goal sheets as a sign of their commitment.

Workshops encourage parents to create home-based literacy activities that align with the building blocks of reading.





For Child Care
Providers

Child Care Provider Conversations

Based on the latest research on literacy development, the Read and Rise child care provider conversations:

- deepen the understanding of early literacy learning for child care professionals
- provide strategies and tools that help providers boost parental involvement
- help children connect with cultural aspects of life while supporting their emergent language and literacy skills
- provide hands-on, practical literacy activities for use in classrooms and other child-centric spaces



Families, communities, and child care centers need to share resources and knowledge to create an environment for children that is rich in language, learning, and books. Child care providers build confidence and develop strategies and tools for family involvement.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER CONVERSATIONS

SESSION 5: Family and Community Strengths

Newspaper Family Fun

For the Families...
Here are some activities for you and your child to enjoy while you are reading the newspaper! Cut out and assemble the door hanger, then hang it on the door in the family room as a reminder of how the newspaper can be used as a fun learning tool!

Directions for Making Your Door Hanger

1. Cut out the door hanger along the dotted line.
2. Ask your child to help you glue or paste the cutout onto a piece of cardboard, card stock, or poster board.
3. Allow to dry for 10-15 minutes.
4. Using sharp scissors, cut the cardboard into the shape of the door hanger.
5. Hang or post it in the family room as a reminder to do at least one fun activity with your child each day!

Newspaper Family Fun
There's a world of opportunity for you and your child as you enjoy the newspaper together!

- **Animal Families**
Help your child locate animals in the comics. Cut them out, give them a new silly name, and make up a funny story about each!
- **Highlighting Letters**
Give your child a small section of newspaper. Ask him or her to highlight the letters in his or her name. How many did your child find?
- **Playful of Words**
Help your child cut out familiar words. Glue them to a paper plate until you have a "plateful"!
- **Visual Grocery List**
Invite your child to help you create a menu from food advertisements. Cut out the ads, then glue them to a card to make a visual grocery list. How much will it cost to buy your groceries?
- **Number Search**
Help your child cut out the numbers 1 to 10. Glue each one to a separate piece of paper. Ask your child to draw objects that match the numbers: one flower; two dogs; three apples, and so on, all the way to 10!

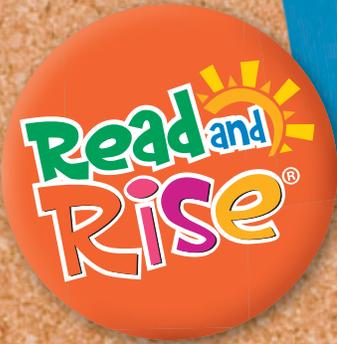
Partnering With Families and Communities

Suggest to families that they encourage children's literacy by doing some of the following:

- Talk and listen to children
- Read to children
- Sing songs
- Tell stories
- Serve as "reading" role models for children
- Draw (adult and child)
- Play with letter blocks
- Point out print in the environment—the words on a cereal box, a computer screen, a newsletter, or street signs
- Attend a library read-aloud session with a storyteller
- Visit a library and check out books
- Attend a reading festival
- Write a letter together (adult and child)
- Take a family trip to the grocery store and point out print on signs, labels, and flyers
- Assemble a toy by following printed instructions and pointing out words and numbered steps.
- Cook dinner with younger children, using a recipe book

Read and Rise helps child care providers deepen their understanding of early literacy learning and the role that families play in helping develop it.

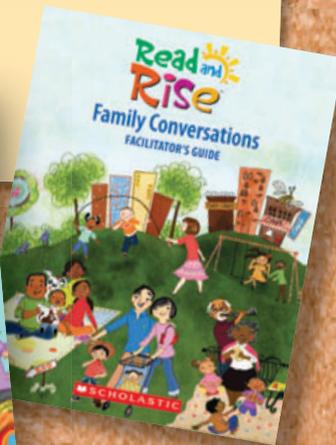
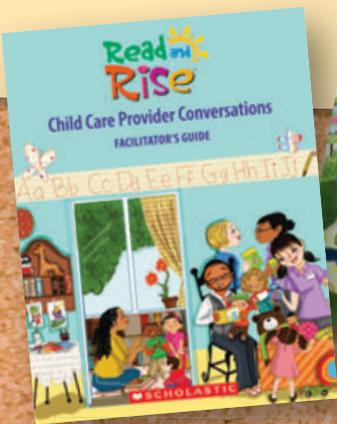
Read and Rise builds community capacity by supporting and facilitating early language development in young children through educator training, parent workshops, and family and community resources.



How It Works

The Training

Designated facilitators are trained in Read and Rise program implementation, best practices, and product configurations by a Scholastic literacy consultant.



Program materials are available in English and Spanish.

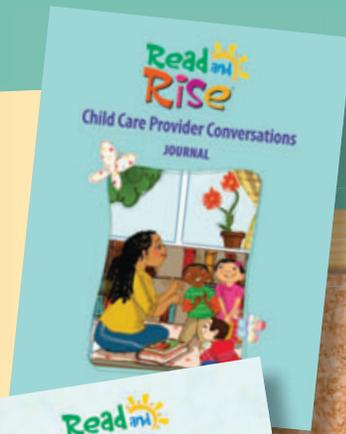
Read and Rise Conversation Workshops are built around six sessions:

- **Session 1:** The Importance of Family and Community Partnerships
- **Session 2:** Culture, Tradition, and Everyday Experiences
- **Session 3:** The Power of Storytelling
- **Session 4:** Fun with the Sounds of Language
- **Session 5:** Family and Community Strengths
- **Session 6:** Celebrate Literacy Success



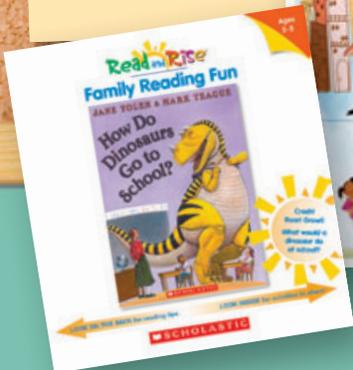
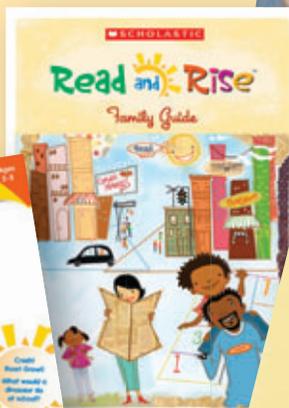
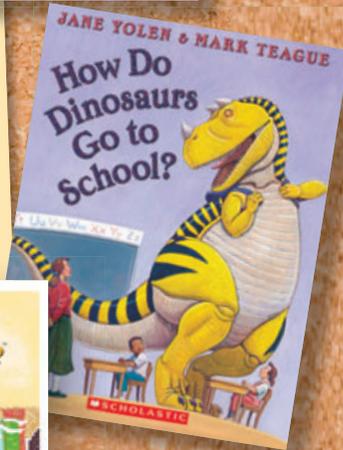
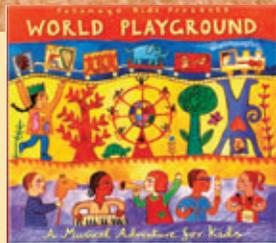
The Workshops

Family Conversations workshops train facilitators to teach families the importance of literacy development. At Child Care Provider workshops, facilitators learn how to help providers understand and support their students' families. Participants receive a journal for notes and strategies.



Take-Home Resources

Building home libraries and creating text-rich spaces with both children-friendly materials and parental resources is integral to the success and sustainability of the Read and Rise program and its participants.



Facilitator Guide

Introduces effective strategies for strengthening home-to-school connections and creating literacy-rich environments. The guide provides step-by-step details for the six workshop sessions and a variety of other useful resources.

Journals

Allow participants to reflect on the messages, themes, and experiences shared in the workshops by way of writing, drawing, and scrapbooking.

Family Guide

Beautifully illustrated and featuring a variety of age-specific stories, this guide serves as both a facilitator's instructional tool, and a take-home resource for families and educators. Each chapter in the guide offers targeted tips for parents to foster learning at home.

Family Fun Cards and Books

Age-appropriate books and engaging activities for children aged 0 to 2, 2 to 5, and 5 and up.

Putumayo World Playground: A Musical Adventure for Kids

Helps create a diverse, culturally enriched setting that ties in music and reading activities for the family and child.

Reading Together Guides and Book Packs

Age-specific literacy tips for parents paired with great titles encourage families to read together while strengthening their ability to teach literacy development.



Planning and implementation
worksheet available at
scholastic.com/FACE

Family & Community Engagement CHECKLIST

- Define** your goals for literacy development.
- Identify** your team and your audience.
- Research** the best ways to implement the program in your district or community.
- Promote** your kick-off event and workshops.
- Build capacity** by implementing a sustainable Read and Rise model that best suits your needs.
- Track and measure** program performance.

