

From the Desk of the School Social Worker...

With so many fun activities available to kids, sometimes it can be hard to get them to read for pleasure. But since the kids of today will receive so much of their information from written material, it is more critical than ever that they have good reading skills. The best way to become a good reader is simple: READ, READ, and READ some more.

Here are some quick tips to encourage your children to become lifelong readers:

- Read with your child. You can read together out loud or silently. Show your child that you value reading by being a reader yourself.
- Go to the library. Let your child select books that are interesting to them.
- Go on a mission. Tell your child that there is often one special book out there that turns a child into a lover of reading. Challenge your child to find that book.
- Tell your child that it's OK to stop reading a book that they don't enjoy. You wouldn't want to spend your free time reading something you don't like either.

Your school social worker is a resource for students and families. Please feel free to contact your school social worker, Jamie Majors, at 424-2573 ext 35263, for help with accessing social service assistance, counseling services, medical insurance, referrals to community resources, or if you need help with your child's academic, behavioral, or emotional concerns. You may also email any concerns to your school social worker at jnmajors@volusia.k12.fl.us