



*The most important thing you can do to ensure your child's success in school is to **read to your child**. The next best thing is to make sure your child **reads at home every day**.*



Studies show that it only takes 20 minutes per day to vastly improve a child's reading ability. Go to justtake20.org for ideas to help your child with reading.

The FIT program has a large library of AR (Accelerated Reader) books. An incentive plan can be negotiated with your child to encourage at-home reading. Books can be returned through your child's teacher and the county mail system or during clothes closet visits. Call Mrs. McClellan to set up a plan. Tutoring- tutoring is often available in schools. Make sure your child participates, if offered. No transportation? Ask someone in your neighborhood to help. Trade babysitting or other services for the rides. It is worth the effort!
Home- Make sure that both homework and school work are seen as important to you.
CIS (Communities In Schools) is available for middle and high school students. This program has been proven to be effective in increasing students' success in school. Call your child's school for information. The extra effort to work out a ride home (if needed) for your student, is worth it! The school's CIS staff and Angie McClellan may know a way to help. Call your school and ask talk to the CIS staff about enrolling your student(s).



If you need help providing Christmas (or other winter holiday) gifts for your children this year, and you will not receive help from another organization, call to complete a questionnaire about wants and needs. Families may choose to be enrolled in the Joy to the Children (JTC) Christmas Day party. If your family does not choose the JTC program, students 14 years old and younger will be signed up to receive toys from Toys 4 Tots, and it will be the responsibility of the family to pick them up on their distribution days. Clothes, school supplies, and books will be provided by the FIT program. Older students will receive all of their gifts from the FIT program's "elves" ("toys", books, school supplies, clothes, stocking stuffers, etc.) Delivery or pick-up will be arranged for the week of Dec. 12th. The deadline for requesting help from the FIT program is Friday, Nov. 18th. After that date, students may be helped if gifts and volunteers are still available. **Other organizations will be contacted to ensure that students are not on other lists.** Students will be accepted based on need.

Every Junior and Senior should have a FL ID or Driver's License. They are needed for jobs, college, etc. Contact Angie McClellan for help.



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Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)?
 (UHY=not living with a parent or legal guardian)
 UHY who are younger than 18 years old may not sign for their own healthcare. Florida Legislators passed a law that went into effect in July 2014 to help with this issue. UHY who are at least 16 years old may request an "Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Certificate for the Purposes of Accessing Health Services" from Angie McClellan at 277-9021.