



*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](http://justtake20.org) for ideas to help your child with reading.*



Ask your middle school staff about this great new opportunity for before or after-school activities. Transportation may be possible through the FIT program.

**Academic Trouble?** Mrs. Cressey may have a way to help. Call to discuss possibilities. Make sure your student is in school every day. *There is no amount of extra help that can take the place of lost classroom instruction.*



**Need a job?**  
[careersourcenortheastflorida.com](http://careersourcenortheastflorida.com)

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 (or if your family has attended in the past), students 14 years old and younger will be signed up to receive toys from Toys 4 Tots (T4T), and it is the responsibility of the family to pick them up on their distribution days. New clothes, shoes, backpacks with school supplies, and books may be obtained from the FIT program in November and December during regular Clothes Closet hours. Older students can be signed up for community "adoptions." Wrapping paper is available while supplies last. The deadline for applying for Christmas help will be communicated at a later date. Other organizations will be contacted to ensure that students are not also on other lists. Students will be accepted based on need. Gifts are provided through the generosity of churches and other community groups. "Double-dipping" cancels future help.



**Thanksgiving and Christmas food donations** are offered to FIT families by community groups nearly every year. Let us know if you would like to be on a list - just in case. Your contact information will be given to the groups who will then contact you if they are able to help your family this year.