



*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.



A free book will be mailed to your preschool child each month. Call Angie McClellan to complete a referral form.

Academic Trouble? Mrs. McClellan 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.*



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. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 1st. 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." Those gifts will be ready for pick-up on Monday, Dec. 16th at the Clothes Closet. Wrapping paper is available while supplies last. The deadline for applying for T4T and community adoptions is Friday, Nov. 22nd. **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."

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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.