

Parent Lending Library

The PTA now has a parent lending library. Parents can check out an assortment of books at MCS that help support their developing reader. These books will give beginning readers that much needed practice. They are leveled according to reading needs of children from early kindergarten up to second grade. Each leveled section includes nonfiction and fiction stories that are sure to grab the interest of your child.

Books are easy to checkout and available to all parents. See your child's teacher to sign out these wonderful new books. (See attached list of books).

Also, there are various books available for parent resources. See our school librarian Nadine Clark to sign out these books and to preview other parent resource books. If you have a suggestion for a resource book other parents would find helpful, please let a PTA officer know.

New Parent Resources: *(Book Reviews from Amazon.Com)*

A Mind At a Time by Mel Levine

Different minds learn differently, writes Dr. Mel Levine, one of the best-known education experts and pediatricians in America today. In *A Mind at a Time*, Dr. Levine shows parents and others who care for children how to identify individual learning patterns and ways to help their child succeed in school.

Yardsticks by Chips Wood

A guide for the developmental stages of children ages 4 to 14 that reassure parents that their child's behavior is developmentally appropriate. Behavioral changes that often baffle, and sometimes alarm parents, are explained with humor and an obvious affection and respect for children. Anecdotes from Wood's experiences add authenticity and readability, as he helps parents understand what they can and cannot expect from their children at any particular age. Wood also offers parents tips for weathering the storms of childhood, and supporting their child's growth and development throughout.

Raising a Reader: Simple and Fun Activities for Parents to Foster Reading Success by Bonnie D. Schwartz

Bonnie Schwartz lays out simple, researched and practice proven approaches that a parent can do to promote literacy in the home and encourage children to explore the great adventures to be found in books. The first step in fostering literacy and good reading strategies in the home is to learn a little bit about how language is acquired and how this affects the development of reading. The purpose of this book is to expose parents to these processes and build a knowledge base of basic games, activities, and strategies parents can easily use at home to foster reading development.