

Teton Literacy Center

Family Newsletter



Dear Families,

We hope that you have been enjoying the autumn weather! Our tutoring and enrichment sessions are now in full swing. We encourage you to talk to your child about what they do at TLC, what they have learned, and what activities they want to try again at home. Also, please don't hesitate to talk to our staff as well! We love your feedback. Finally, if you haven't checked out our [blog](#), be sure to do so! We upload activities to do at home, parent advice articles, TLC news, etc.

Sincerely,

TLC Staff

Connect With Us!

Our goal at TLC is to help YOU best support your children. We do this by offering workshops, [blog](#) posts,

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Changing Lives Through the
Power of Literacy

Upcoming Events

New Volunteer Trainings

October 27th, 5:30 pm
November 1st, 5:30pm
December 8th, 12:00 pm

TLC needs more tutors! Do you know someone else who would make a great tutor or volunteer? Do you have extra time to donate while you're waiting for your child? No experience needed.

Jackson's Got Talent

Saturday, November 12th

Join us at the Pink Garter for the most talented fundraiser of the year! [Voting](#) is going on now.

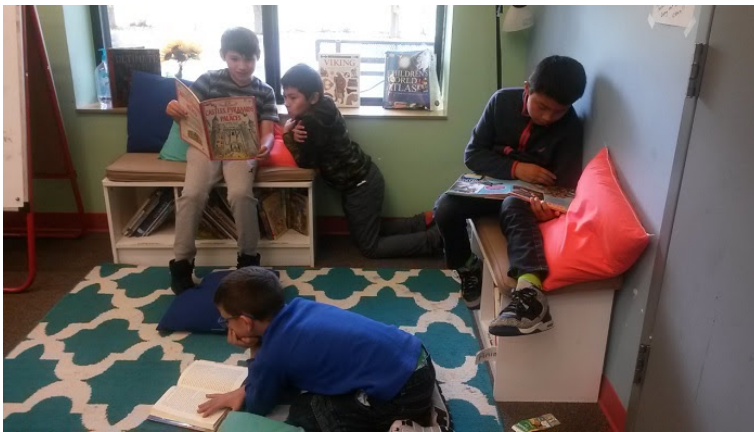
Family Literacy Night

November 17th, 5:30 to 7:00
pm, TLC

and social media updates on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and in these newsletters.

The activities and articles on our blog vary in content, so there should be something for everyone. For instance, this past week we posted a STEAM activity that we completed in our three "Inventor's Workshop" clubs. Interested? Check it out [here!](#)

To help us better serve your needs, we would love some feedback! Please take this 5-question [survey](#). We appreciate your time!



At-Home Engagement

At TLC, we believe that learning should be fun. Literacy is all around us; improving your child's academic skills doesn't have to feel like pulling teeth. Keep these suggestions in mind--you'd be surprised how many learning opportunities will present themselves!

- **Make it fun:**
 - Do you have a young child? Play "Investigator" at the store. Pick a letter and see how many your child is able to find. If you have more than one child, make this into a game; see who can find the most in a given amount of time.
 - Does your child enjoy books like "The Guinness Book of World Records?" If so, ask them to share some "fun facts" with you. Challenge them to tell you the three grossest things, or the three most

Mark your calendars for a brand new family literacy event! We will be featuring all kinds of GAMES!

10 Comprehension Questions For Fiction Reading & Discussion

1. What do you predict...?
2. How would you feel if you were a character in this story? How can you tell what the characters are feeling?
3. What is the setting like? Would you want to live there or visit there? Why or why not?
4. Are your predictions coming true? If not, do you want to update them?
5. Can you make a connection to what we just read? Does a certain character remind you of anybody?
6. If you were the author, what would you change about the story. Why would you change it?
7. What is your favorite part so far? Least favorite part?
8. What is the problem or conflict in the story? Has it been solved? If so, how? If not, what do you think would fix the problem?
9. What are some important vocabulary words you've read? Are any of them new?
10. Are there any parts of the story that make you wonder about things? Is there anything you don't understand, or would like to know more about?

Student Work

Word Search by Will G.

We were very impressed by the word search puzzles designed by

surprising things. The more engaged you are, the more engaged they will be, too!

- **Make reading not just about reading:**
 - Reading is more meaningful when it connects to your child's life. Cooking with a new recipe? This is a perfect time to practice real-world literacy. Trying out a new game? Have your child read the instructions. If you find a genuine opportunity for reading, be sure to capitalize on it!
- **Don't limit things to fiction:**
 - Remember to encourage your child to read nonfiction texts as well. Oftentimes, nonfiction reading can actually be more engaging for some students because of the real-world content.
- **Be part of the process:**
 - Read aloud. Have your child read to you. Play word games. Trace letters in shaving cream, pudding, or rice, etc. There are plenty of ways to get involved!
 - Even if your child is older, it is always important to check-in about what they are reading. Encourage your child to read a section of the newspaper or a magazine outloud to you. Ask questions about the chapter book they're reading, and prompt for answers that require deeper thinking.
- **Instill patience and the ability to make mistakes:**
 - Focus on your child's strengths. If something doesn't go right, remind your child that mistakes are part of the learning process!
- **Know your child (what types of projects they'll like, etc.)**
 - Does your child hate art? It probably won't go well if you attempt a craft-based activity. Be sure to think about your child's interests and motivations before selecting an activity. If you pick something they're interested in, they'll be sure to love it!

our "Game Maker" students. Check out our [blog](#) to see one exceptional example that was created by Will G!

