

## Inspiration at Work!

At the age of five, I was lucky to have loving adults always willing to read to me — but I really wanted to do it myself. I was always surrounded by lots and lots of books, trips to the library and the book store. Whenever I wanted to learn something new, I was given appropriate reading material. I was given the message loud and clear that reading was valued in our home.

My first teaching position was teaching students with reading difficulties. My job was to teach my students the necessary skills to read and help them discover the joy of reading. Reading skills are very important, but without the desire to read the child will not practice enough to become a proficient reader. Reading would enable them to dream about a future. Reading gives hope.

A few years later I began teaching first grade and started the Book Club. The program was so successful in helping the children practice their skills in a nurturing environment that the Book Club grew to include the kindergarten, first and second grade classes. The first year in the program, these classes logged 10,000 books from September to May!

That was a great milestone, but we could do more. This year, students in my first grade class set their personal goals and a class goal. They enjoy competing to get to their goals first and encouraging each other to reach the group goal. Subsequently, my class alone read 10,000 books in one school year. Every child met their personal goal of 100 or more and received a Read2Dream reward. They all became great readers.

I launched Read2Dream.com so the Book Club can inspire even more children to become great readers and dreamers.



## Is it really free?

I want everyone to be able to participate. Join for free. Participate for free. Download free prizes.

Supplemental rewards (fleece, books, bears, t-shirts) are for sale in the Reward Zone. Proceeds will go toward developing the site and to my favorite charities — Saint Jude Hospital and North Shore Animal Rescue Center.

## What is the story behind the dog in the logo?

Tucker and his friends are my pets. My students love them dearly, so they have become characters on the web site. Tucker is a rescued dog. Check out the web site for his story.



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# Give a child everything... encourage them to read.





## Reading is...

### a pleasure that lasts a lifetime

Reading is rewarding. Regardless of what interests a child may have in their lifetime — college degree, profession, hobby or time on the beach — reading will enhance it.

Truly a gift where one size fits all, the joys of reading encompass everything real and imagined and can be enjoyed at any age.

### a skill that impacts their future

We are awash in information. From a book, the web to an instruction manual — reading holds the key. Having the ability to read, comprehend and evaluate information is invaluable.

Avid readers gain greater vocabularies and therefore score higher on standardized tests. Their communication skills and problem solving skills are enhanced by reading a wide variety of genre — translating to an easier time at school and better grades.

Advanced communication skills are essential for success in today's environment. Communication skills will be improved with daily reading and will make a significant difference in a child's future.

### a catalyst for what could be

Reading awakens young minds to possibilities. Because dreamers can see possibilities, they have a voice and a dream of a bright future.

Blame it in on busy schedules, TV, gaming... most children do not read enough on a daily basis to become fluent readers with great spoken vocabularies.

## A Solution ~ Read2Dream Book Club

Read2Dream is a safe and fun-filled web site. We encourage children to read through the use of challenges and rewards. The web site is designed to help children set appropriate reading goals and help them meet those goals. Young children participating in the Book Club will read with an adult for a minimum of 15 minutes per day. This exposure to written material will improve reading fluency, sight vocabulary, and spoken vocabulary as well as communication skills.

The site provides each child with a place to record their progress. Children love to see the book shelf grow as they add new books. The account page also provides additional encouragement and suggestions for further reading, goal setting and rewards.

## Reading with Your Child

Reading with adults gives the clear message to the child that their academic progress is a priority. Children want to do activities that capture a parent's attention.



With daily contact in books, children and parents will share common experiences, language and likes/dislikes that will encourage more effective daily communication. Parents will have a better understanding of their child's skills, interests and academic needs. This will help parents in communications with their child's educational support team as the need arises. It helps parents develop a rich learning environment at home tailored to their child's interests.

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## Start reading today!

- Go to [read2dream.com](http://read2dream.com), click on the Book Club and make an account for your child.
- Select an appropriate reading level. When in doubt, find a sample book that matches the child's reading level.
- Get the FREE new member gift.
- Snuggle up and read a book with your child.
- Log back into the Book Club and add the book you just read to the list. (BTW many of my students wait for Dad to come home, so they can enter new books together.)
- One book down and 99 to go! The first ten books are the hardest. It gets easier as skills improve. Encouragement can come from another FREE prize when they have added 25, 50 and 100 books/chapters to your Book Club reading list.
- Remember to check out the reward zone with your child, if you're interested in sweetening the pot along the way.



**Join today and read with your child this summer!**



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