

RISE Arkansas

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Family Literacy Month

November is National Family Literacy Month. In 1994, the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) worked with Congress to designate November 1 as National Family Literacy Day. During the past 25 years, NCFL has joined with

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**The home is the child's first school,
the parent is the child's first teacher,
and reading is the child's first subject.**

- Barbara Bush

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libraries, schools, and educational programs across the country to celebrate National Family Literacy Month each November.

Reading to children is extremely beneficial. Research suggests that children who are read to early and often experience many positive outcomes that affect children's later literacy and language outcomes. When parents read to children it helps build strong bonds, increases children's vocabulary, and helps develop lifelong reading habits. It also strengthens children's social, emotional, and character development. Even when children are old enough to read independently, parents should continue to spend some time reading to them. Parents that read aloud to their children, model what good readers do and how good reading sounds, but they also model what they want their children to become: readers! Make sure to check out the November RISE Newsletter Reading Calendar on page four to find lots of fun, family reading activities to celebrate National Family Literacy Month.



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Check out this beautifully illustrated true story of how Thanksgiving became a national holiday in America and of Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who made the holiday happen. This book is marvelously brought to life by the New York Times bestselling author Denise Kiernan.

CHECK IT OUT!



G.U.I.D.E. for Life

In the September RISE Newsletter, we began to explore the G.U.I.D.E. for Life principles. These principles represent skills needed to thrive at home, at school, on the job and in the community. This month's principle is I for Interaction.

INTERACTION

This principle refers to the ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding interactions and relationships with individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds. Students who demonstrate positive relationships communicate clearly, use active listening, and seek out and offer help when needed.

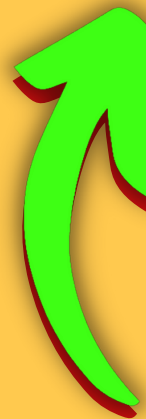
In early elementary (K-2), I am learning to:

- Pay attention to others when they are speaking
- Understand the importance of respecting personal space
- Take turns and practice sharing
- Practice using encouraging comments
- Demonstrate the use of verbal etiquette (e.g., use please, thank you, excuse me, etc.)
- Initiate positive interactions with other students most of the time (e.g., invent/set up activities)
- Identify trusted adults
- Ask for help from adults and peers in socially acceptable ways
- Ask for help from peers in socially acceptable ways
- Recognize when another needs help and offer assistance
- Recognize safe and responsible touch
- Determine how to seek assistance from peers and/or adults to resolve conflict, when appropriate

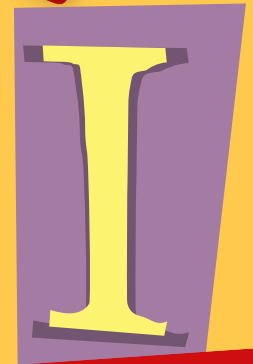
HEALTHY AND REWARDING INTERACTIONS HELP STUDENTS: BUILD RELATIONSHIPS. TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT. COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY. SEEK OUT AND OFFER HELP WHEN NEEDED.

In late elementary (3-5), I am learning to:

- Recognize the needs of others and how those needs may differ from my own
- Recognize how facial expressions, body language and tone impact interactions
- Use collaborative/cooperative skills successfully
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Initiate positive interactions with other students most of the time
- Ask for help from adults and peers in socially acceptable ways
- Recognize when another needs help and offer assistance
- Identify problems and conflicts commonly experienced by myself and my peers
- Identify appropriate and inappropriate ways to resolve conflicts
- Recognize safe and responsible touch
- Negotiate with others to meet my own needs and goals



Check out the DESE Website for more information on G.U.I.D.E. for Life!



IS FOR



Let's Explore a New Syllable Pattern - vCe

Reading is a code-based system and readers are most successful when they are taught the code. A syllable is a part of a word that contains a single vowel sound and is pronounced as a unit. In this series, we will explain why it is important for readers to learn about syllables and the six different syllable types. We will offer examples and strategies to help emerging readers become more familiar with each syllable type.



Watch this CUTE video!

What can help students decide how to pronounce the vowel? The e marker! Once students have worked with vowel consonant e pattern words, they need to practice flexing between the closed syllable with the short vowel sound and the new long vowel pattern (vCe). It is imperative that students become firm in both patterns before moving to other syllable patterns.

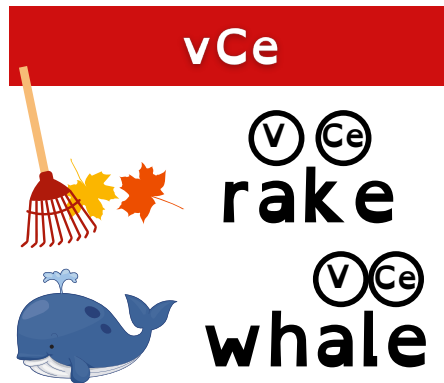
Practice switching between the two types by playing Syllable Type Switcheroo. Print this page, cut out each rectangle, and fold on the dotted lines. Practice reading the closed syllable word with the e hidden. Then, unfold to reveal the e and read the new word with a long vowel. Have fun and read on!

To determine the syllable type for each example, start with the vowel and look to the right.

A Vowel Consonant e syllable type ends in one vowel, one consonant and final e. The vowel is usually long. The Vowel Consonant e (vCe) syllable pattern is introduced in first grade.

There are other reasons for silent e. It is important to remember that English words do not end in u or v, so an e is

added to words such as olive or love. The silent e can also soften the c and g, as in chance and change, and can keep words from appearing plural, as in tease.



Syllable Type Switcheroo!

cube	note
robe	mane
spine	hope
robe	tape

NOVEMBER RISE READING CALENDAR

SUNDAY

IT'S TIME TO

CELEBRATE

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY MONTH!

6 Daylight Saving Time ends today!

Fall BACK TODAY!

13 It's Sunday! Make another sundae and talk about your favorite part of the book, *The Chocolate Sundae Mystery*.



Find a new recipe and make it as a family!



27 Check out a non-fiction book about leaves from the library and research why leaves change colors!



MONDAY



7 **FAMILY CHALLENGE!** Learn how to say "Thank You" in 5 different languages before Thanksgiving Day!

"AND THE DEAD LEAVES LIE HUDDLED AND STILL, NO LONGER BLOWN HITHER AND THITHER; THE LAST LONE ASTER IS GONE, THE FLOWERS OF THE WITCH-HAZEL WITHER..." - ROBERT FROST

14 Check out this link! It has a list of 17 children's books that teach kids gratitude!



Gratitude comes from the Latin word "gratus" meaning thankful! Make a list of 100 things you are thankful for!



28 November is National Peanut Butter Month! Celebrate by making a PB and J!



TUESDAY

1 Today is National Author's Day. As a family, write a letter to your favorite author.



8 While waiting in line, see how many words your family can think of that rhymes with **VOTE**



Listen to *Turkey Trouble*. Written by: Wendi Silvano. Illustrated by: Lee Harper



Did you know that the word parade can be a noun or a verb? Tomorrow, while watching the parade, talk about the difference.



30 It's National Mason Jar Day! As a family, write about your favorite family reading activity from this month, put it in a Mason jar, and screw the lid on tight. Put it in a safe place and read them again next November!



WEDNESDAY

3 Have sandwiches for supper and celebrate National Sandwich Day. Read *The Giant Jam Sandwich* while you eat.



9 Tomorrow is Veteran's Day. Read *H Is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet* by Devin Scillian.



17 It's National Butter Day and National Homemade Bread Day. What a combo! Read how to make homemade butter (it's easy!) and enjoy it on a slice of bread.



THURSDAY

5 As a family, have a pajama party! Here is a great book to read at the party!



Did you ask questions as you read this book? Reread *Ira Sleeps Over* today and ask your child questions like this: "Would you take your favorite bear to a sleepover?"



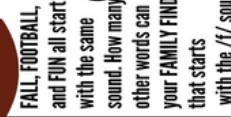
18 Today is National Sundae Day. As a family, make ice cream sundaes. Between now and Sunday, read *The Chocolate Sundae Mystery in The Boxcar Children Series*.



25 Today is the busiest shopping day of the year! Shop for books! They make great Christmas presents!



Check out this fun counting book out at the library! Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell



FALL, FOOTBALL, and FUN all start with the same sound. How many other words can your FAMILY FIND that starts with the /f/ sound!



FRIDAY

SATURDAY

The November Calendar is all about building relationships while celebrating reading as a family. See how many activities your family can complete!

