

REL West Event Series:

JOYFUL READING AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME



Join REL West for a free webinar series on storybook reading, culturally affirming instruction, and connecting with parents and families. This four-part series is designed to help PreK–1st grade educators:

- Learn a routine for storybook reading
- Explore ideas for creating school-to-home connections
- Extend storybook reading to creative expression activities

Who should attend? PreK, Kindergarten, and First Grade teachers, and the educators who support them

Presenters:

- Pamela Spycher, Senior Researcher, REL West at WestEd
- Thea Fabian, assistant principal at Wawona K–8 School in the Fresno Unified School District
- Danielle Garegnani, principal at Horton Elementary School in the San Diego Unified School District

JAN 28

2:00 – 3:30
PST

WEBINAR 1: Joyful reading at school and at home: A storybook reading routine

This first webinar will help PreK–1st grade educators learn a routine for storybook reading, examine the culturally affirming aspects of stories, and consider ideas for creating school-to-home connections. [Register](#)

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE 1: Sharing our reading routines

In this interactive session participants will share what they learned in trying out parts of the storybook reading routine introduced in the first webinar, with a focus on engaging families and caregivers with the book.

FEB 25

2:00 – 3:30
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MAR 25

2:00 – 3:30
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WEBINAR 2: Joyful reading at school and at home: Creative expression activities

During this webinar participants will learn about moving from a joyful reading routine to creative expression activities, the relationship between creativity and language and literacy development, and how to integrate creative activities into their own practice, in partnership with families and caregivers. [Register](#)

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE 2: Sharing our creative expression activities

In this interactive session participants will share what they learned in trying out parts of the storybook reading routine, with a focus on integrating creative expression activities into their own practice.

APR 15

2:00 – 3:30
PDT

For questions, please contact: relwest@wested.org