

# Parent Engagement for Active Child Enrichment



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Summer Newsletter, 2019

**Research Tells Us:** Summer reading loss is one of the most significant causes of the achievement gap between poorer and wealthier students. During the summer months, children from disadvantaged backgrounds may not have the same opportunities to participate in enrichment camps, make frequent trips to the museum or library or have lots of books at home to read. **PEACE** has prepared a list of book recommendations with a STEM-focus to enrich your children.

- Take advantage of the summer break to engage your children in reading activities daily (see the list below of book recommendations). You may be able to get the books from your local library.
- **Build Your Child's Literacy Skills. Advance Your Child's Vocabulary, and Increase Reading Fluency.**
- **Strengthen STEM Skills:** Get your children to solve problems, do science experiments and engage in critical thinking activities using the STEM books. Make it productive! **Avoid the 'Summer Slide'!**

SUMMER ENRICHMENT- BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS		
THEME: STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS)-RELATED BOOKS		
TITLE	AUTHOR	AGE RANGE
<i>THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR *</i>	ERIC CARLE	3-5
<i>RAINBOW FISH *</i>	MARCUS PFISTER	3-5
<i>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LITTLE KIDS FIRST BIG BOOK OF WHY</i>	AMY SHIELDS	3-5
<i>MY FIVE SENSES *</i>	ALIKI	3-5
<i>ONE GORILLA: A COUNTING BOOK *</i>	ATSUKO MOROSUMI	3-6
<i>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC READERS: SEED TO PLANT</i>	KRISTIN BAIRD RATTINI	4-6
<i>IF YOU WANT TO SEE A WHALE</i>	JULIE FOGLIANO	4-7
<i>10 THINGS I CAN DO TO HELP MY WORLD</i>	MELANIE WALSH	4-9
<i>LITTLE OWL'S NIGHT *</i>	DIVYA SRINIVASAN	4-8
<i>THE DOORBELL RANG (Mathematics) *</i>	PAT HUTCHINS	4-8
<i>ROBOTS (NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC READERS)</i>	MELISSA STEWART	
<i>WHAT IS THE WORLD MADE OF? ALL ABOUT SOLIDS, LIQUIDS, AND GASES</i>	KATHLEEN WEIDNER	4-8
<i>CLAWS, COATS AND CAMOUFLAGE: THE WAYS ANIMALS FIT INTO THEIR WORLD</i>	SUSAN GOODMAN	6-11
<i>ASTERIODS, COMETS, AND METEORS</i>	ROBIN KERROD	6-11
<i>EVERYTHING KIDS SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS BOOK</i>	TOM ROBINSON	7-12
<i>WHERE IS MOUNT EVEREST?</i>	NICO MEEINA	8-12
<i>MISTAKES THAT WORKED: 40 FAMILIAR INVENTIONS AND HOW THEY CAME TO BE</i>	CHARLOTTE FOLTZ JONES	8-12
CHAPTER BOOKS		
<i>FANTASTIC MR. FOX *</i>	ROALD DAHL	7-12
<i>MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH *(Newbery Medal Winner)</i>	ROBERT C. O'BRIEN	8-12
<i>LEGEND OF THE STAR RUNNER: A TIMMI TOBBSON ADVENTURE (MYSTERY)</i>	J. I. WAGNER, ET. AL	8-12
<i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon * (2017 Newbery Medal Winner)</i>	KELLY BARNHILL	10-14
(*) BOOKS AVAILABLE IN SPANISH (LIBROS DISPONIBLES EN Español)		



**STEM-focused Learning Fair**



**The PEACE mission:**

To enable caregivers with limited resources to actively engage with their children to enrich their growing minds and prepare them for school and life success.

**Why we do what we do?**

Research shows that a home environment that encourages learning is even more important than parents' income, education level, or cultural background.

**Contact PEACE to learn more about our services and to schedule workshops and Learning Fairs at your location:**

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**Recent Events Presented By PEACE**

- **January 29, 2019:** At Santa Maria Hostel  
Two workshop sessions for Women in Transition  
**Topic: Developmental Milestones and Nurturing and Enriching the Growing Brain**
- **February 5, 2019:** Taylor High School, Alief ISD  
Two workshop sessions for teen parents & pregnant teens  
**Topic: Nurturing the Growing Mind Series – 1**
- **February 19, 2019:** Chinese Community Center  
Included both parents and their children in the fair  
**Topic: STEM-focused Learning Fair** with multiple coaching stations (Science, Math, Literacy, Chess, Art, etc.).
- **February 26, 2019:** At Santa Maria Hostel  
Two Workshop sessions for Women in Transition  
**Topic: Language and Literacy Development Strategies with a Serve and Return Approach**
- **March 19, 2019:** At Santa Maria Hostel  
Two workshop sessions for Women in Transition  
**Topic: Positive and Nurturing Discipline Approaches**
- **March 21, 2019:** At Chinese Community Center  
Two generation approach included both parents and children  
**Topic: STEM-focused Learning Fair** with multiple stations
- **March 26, 2019:** At Taylor High School, Alief ISD  
Two workshop sessions for teen parents & pregnant teens  
**Topic: Nurturing the Growing Mind Series –2**
- **April 3, 2019:** At Conoco-Phillips - Parent Group.  
A workshop presentation to the parent group at the company  
**Topic: Fostering Social-Emotional Development of Children: Handling Behavior Issues with Creativity and Calmness**
- **April 26, 2019:** At Taylor High School, Alief ISD  
Two workshop sessions for teen parents & pregnant teens  
**Topic: Health and Nutrition Tips** (presented by a pediatrician)
- **April 27, 2019:** Alief ISD Teen Conference (Elsik Annex)  
**Topic: Nurturing the Growing Mind Learning Fair**  
For teen parents & pregnant teens and their children
- **April 30, 2019:** At Santa Maria Hostel  
A workshop session for ‘Caregivers’  
**Topic: Nurture Growing Minds - Brain-Building Tips**  
(Cognitive, Literacy and Discipline Tips)

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