

**Paddle Raise**  
***“Read to Succeed”***

Everyone knows that learning to read is a foundational skill for every child and a key to achievement in school, as well as future personal and professional success and satisfaction, and educational research supports this commonly-held belief.

Consider a few of the facts:

- *Reading builds a cognitive processing infrastructure that then “massively influences” every aspect of our thinking, particularly our crystallized intelligence—a person’s depth and breadth of general knowledge, vocabulary, and the ability to reason using words and numbers. (Stanovich, 2003).*
- *Children between the ages of 10 and 16 who read for pleasure make more progress, not only in vocabulary and spelling, but also in math, than those who rarely read (Sullivan and Brown, 2013).*
- *“Omnivorous reading in childhood and adolescence correlates positively with ultimate adult success” (Simonton, 1988).*
- *Multiple studies have shown that avid readers demonstrate both superior literacy development and wide-ranging knowledge across subjects (Allington, 2012; Hiebert and Reutzel, 2010; Sullivan and Brown, 2013).*
- *In addition to increasing intellectual prowess and expanding vocabulary, reading also educates the imagination, “kindling the spirit of creativity in every human heart” (Jago, 2010), and reading fiction, in particular, expands the heart, making us more compassionate (Oatley, 2014).*

Based on the well-established educational research and our combined many years of professional experience, the staff at St. Philomena School has committed to improving and enhancing the reading curriculum in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade by investing in a new reading textbook and electronic reading series. This program is a comprehensive literacy solution designed to meet the needs and challenges of today’s classroom and reach all learners. The program provides a wealth of research-based print and digital resources that help build and support strong literacy foundations, including a variety of intervention support to meet the needs of every student.

We humbly invite you to invest in the future success of our young students by helping to build their literary skills through this educationally-sound, research-based curriculum. Your donation is 100% tax deductible, but more importantly, is an investment in improving and increasing the foundational reading skills of your children. We thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Please check the amount you would like to donate and attach your check and return form to St. Philomena School. You can also donate online through the school’s website at [www.stphilomenaschool.com](http://www.stphilomenaschool.com) (All donations are tax deductible)

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