



EDUCATION CONNECTION

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OUR MISSION

...every child reading by the end of 3rd grade.

OUR CORE VALUES

HUMILITY...

Not needing to know.

CONSISTENCY...

Showing up.

SIMPLICITY...

Believing our model makes a difference.

BE INSPIRED

***"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."
Dr. Seuss***

STORYTELLING PODCAST: A GREAT RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING LITERACY

One of the ways that children form language is from the words that they hear. Children begin forming their on vocabulary based on the language that is present in their environment. They acquire language from listening to others speak. Improving literacy is also possible through the skill of listening, but how do we get young children and elementary school students to listen to language? That's right...by listening to storytelling podcast!

Below are two examples of storytelling podcasts that are available online for kids.

What If World? - www.whatifworldpodcast.com
Each week, Mr. Eric takes a "What if?" question from a kid and spins it into a story for all!

Story Time - www.bedtime.fm/storytime
Story Time has a variety of amazing stories for children to listen to. Each story is usually less than 20 minutes long.

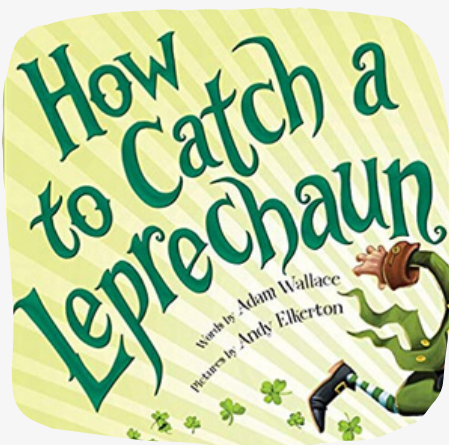
A recent article on BookIt! shares this insight, "Listening to stories is an important part of literacy. It can improve vocabulary, pronunciation and fluency. Kids can also learn the structure of stories through listening so they can begin to create their own. Podcasts are a free and easy way to get your students listening to more stories. They are great for car rides, bedtime and lazy weekend mornings. Try out a few of our favorites!"

To read more visit www.bookitprogram.com.



1 VOLUNTEER + 2 KIDS + 30 MINUTES = CHANGING THE WORLD!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Hello! I can't believe we're heading into March already. The school year is flying by quickly. We have an exciting opportunity coming up March 5th and 6th and I'd like to share it with you first!

This year, for the first time ever, Education Connection will be participating in Amplify Austin. Amplify Austin Day is Central Texas' community-wide day of giving, taking place March 5-6, 2020. It connects individuals, families, businesses, and foundations with the causes in which they are passionate about, to create a real and lasting change for the local nonprofits that address our most pressing needs. This year our goal is to raise \$5,000.

What makes me the most excited about raising these funds is that \$5,000 will help us fund 50 additional students! for one school year! We need your help, if you feel led to, by making a donation, commenting and SHARING our social media posts with your friends and followers throughout the duration of Amplify Austin Day! The best news is that if you choose to donate, your gift will be doubled. We have a generous supporter who is matching ALL donations up to \$5,000!

Visit links in the STAY CONNECTED portion of the newsletter, to like our pages then warm up those fingers to like and share each post throughout the 24 hour donation/giving time! Thank you :)

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HAVE A QUESTION?

Email us at info@education-connection.org or give us a call at 512-813-5918. We'd love to connect with you and offer our support in any way we can.