



*MISSOURI READING INITIATIVE
NEWSLETTER: FALL 2008*

WELCOME!
NEW MRI SCHOOLS

New Elementary Schools

Carl Junction Elementary Carl Junction R-I

Dardene Elementary Ft. Zumwalt R-II

Forest Park Elementary Ft. Zumwalt R-II

Hawthorn Elementary Fort Zumwalt R-II

St. Peters Elementary Ft. Zumwalt R-II

Ester Elementary Lebanon R-III

JL Mudd Elementary Lebanon R-III

Maplecrest Elementary Lebanon R-III

Pleasant Hope Elementary Pleasant Hope R-V

Imagine Academy of Environmental Science and Math
St. Louis

New Middle Schools

Boswell Elementary Lebanon R-III

Camdenton MS Camdenton R-III

Carl Junction 4-6 Carl Junction R-I

Cuba MS Crawford County R-II

Eldon Upper Eldon R-I

Hillcrest Lebanon R-III

Imagine Academy of Academic Success St. Louis

Imagine Academy of Environmental Science and Math
St. Louis

Imagine Renaissance Academy of Environmental Science
Kansas City

Kingston MS Kingston K-14

Lebanon JH Lebanon R-III

Lewis and Clark Ft. Zumwalt R-II

Pleasant Hope 4-6 Pleasant Hope R-V

Sedalia MS Sedalia 200

Shook Elementary Marshfield R-I

St. Louis Charter St. Louis

Upcoming Events

- International Reading Association Fall Conference Springfield October 2-4
missourireading.org

- November 6 Literacy Team Training Arnold Library St. Louis
- November 13 Administrative Training St. Louis
- November 17 Administrative Training Springfield

For more information call the MRI office 417-520-0735



Literacy can
color your
world....

New High Schools
Cuba HS Crawford County R-II
Excelsior Springs HS Excelsior Springs 40
Fort Zumwalt North HS Ft. Zumwalt R-II
Hollister HS Hollister R-V
Seneca HS Seneca R-VII
Smith-Cotton HS Sedalia 200

Good schools assume their most solemn responsibility is the task of teaching every child to read. Make no mistake; this is the critical business of education ...The success of the nation is inexorably linked to levels of literacy in society.

-Joseph Bennett

"What is Literacy?"

The ability to read, write, speak in English, and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, achieve one's goals, and develop one's knowledge and potential."

-National Literacy Act of 1991

RESEARCH CORNER *"THE LATEST IN LITERACY"*

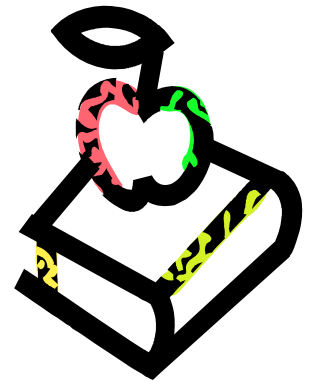
Using Informational Text in the Elementary Classroom

Listed as one of the "Hot Topics in Literacy Education" by the IRA in 2007, is using informational text in the elementary classroom. Because we live in the information age it is critical that we appropriately balance the fiction and non-fiction texts we use in teaching, even with young children. Evidence suggests that informational books not only provide a depth of information, but also provide models for informational writing, challenge readers to read critically, connect readers and reading to the real world, and are motivating. Additionally, using more informational texts in elementary classrooms prepares students for later academic life where they will spend more time engaged in content area textbooks. Expansion of student vocabulary and improving academic achievement are all the more reason for getting informational texts in the hands of elementary age students. Taking a look at the collections in classroom libraries and the texts used for read alouds and instruction are a good way to measure the amount of informational texts children are being exposed to and to determine if more texts of this nature should be introduced to students.

Meet and welcome the new MRI Trainers

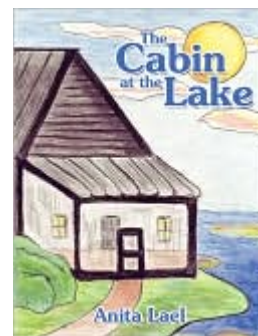
- Elizabeth Replogle-Elizabeth comes to MRI from Hubble Elementary in the Marshfield School District where she was an At-Risk Teacher, Literacy Team Leader, and Reading Recovery Advocate.
- LeAnn Carpenter-LeAnn joins the MRI staff after retiring from the Willard School District. LeAnn was a Reading Recovery teacher.
- Donnetta Wheeler-Donnetta is a retired Reading Recovery teacher from the Moberly School District.

Check out the Missouri Initiative Website where you can watch the MRI Introductory Video
Missourireadinginitiative.com



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New Book Offers Kids a Look at the Simple Pleasures of Lake Life

*Engaging Story and Colorful Illustrations
Delight Readers of The Cabin at the Lake*

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – In these days of unlimited access to video games, television and the internet, many kids have forgotten or never known the simplest of pleasures in life, like playing a board game with a loved one, fishing in the sunshine, or enjoying a cold glass of lemonade on a hot summer day by the lake. Anita Lael is breathing new life into such cherished memories of family and lake life with her nostalgic new children's book, ***The Cabin at the Lake*** ([published by AuthorHouse](#)). Available at barnesandnoble.com



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