



The most important thing you can do to ensure your child's success in school is to **read to your child**. The next best thing is to make sure your **child reads at home every day**.

Studies show that it only takes 20 minutes per day to vastly improve a child's reading ability. Go to justtake20.org for ideas to help your child with reading.



Ask your Middle Schooler's school staff about this great new opportunity for before- or after-school activities. Transportation may be possible through the FIT program.

Academic Trouble? Mrs. McClellan may have a way to help. Call to discuss possibilities. Make sure your student is in school every day. There is no amount of extra help that can replace lost classroom instruction.

Birthday gifts are available for your child in the FIT Family Fashion Center (Clothes Closet) during his/her birth



If you need help providing Christmas (or other winter holiday) gifts for your children this year, and you will not receive help from another organization, call to complete a questionnaire about wants and needs. Families may choose to sign up for Joy to the Children (JTC) gifts. (It is likely there will not be a party this year due to Covid, but they are providing gifts.) The deadline is Friday, Nov. 6th. If your family does not participate in the JTC program, students 14 years old and younger will be signed up to receive toys from Toys 4 Tots (T4T), and it is the responsibility of the family to pick them up on their distribution days. New clothes, shoes, backpacks with school supplies, and books may be obtained from the FIT program in November and December during regular Clothes Closet hours. Older students can be signed up for community "adoptions." Those gifts will be ready for pick-up on Monday, Dec. 14th. The deadline for applying for T4T and teen adoptions is Friday, Nov. 20th. **Other organizations will be contacted to ensure that students are not also on other lists.** Gifts are provided through the generosity of churches and other community groups. "Double-dipping cancels future help.

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Thanksgiving and Christmas food donations are offered to FIT families by community groups nearly every year. Let us know if you would like to be on a list - just in case. Your contact information will be given to the groups who will then contact you if they are able to help your family this year.