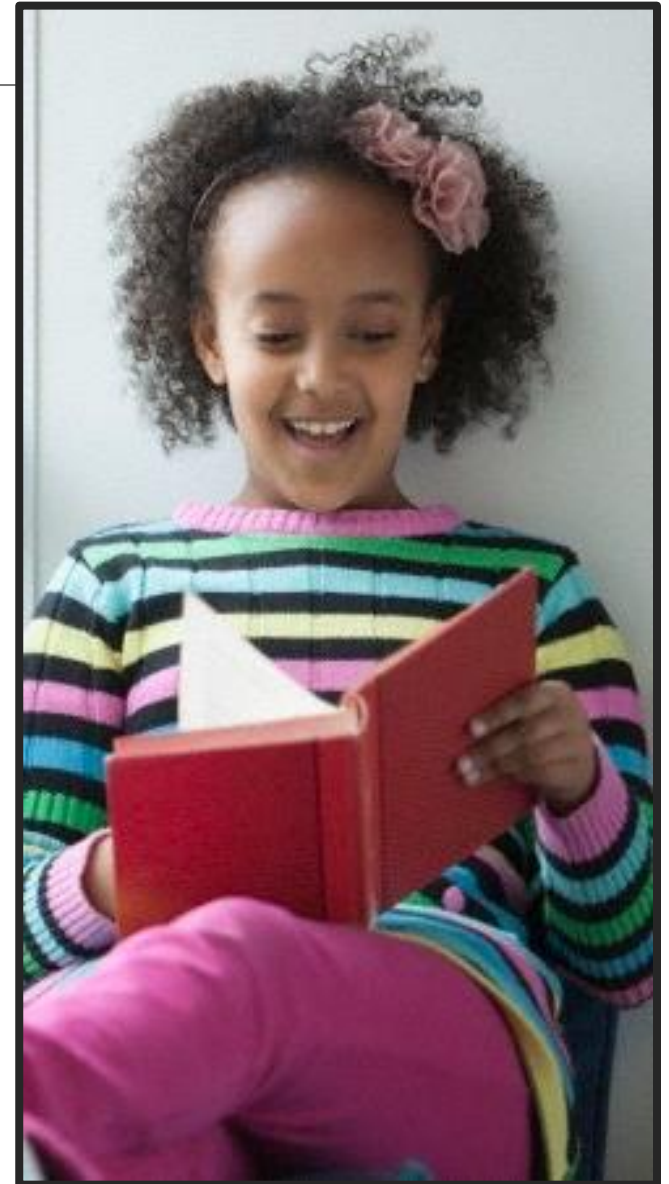


Developing a Schoolwide Independent Reading Culture



Goals

- Share Independent Reading Research
- Share Survey Tools to Determine Status of Independent Reading
- Examine Strategies to Help Create Your Annual Independent Reading Plan
- Offer Resources to Support Independent Reading Culture
- Support Ways to Get Started



Independent Reading



On the Achievement Gap

What percentage of the achievement gap between lower- and higher-income youth can be explained by unequal access to books?

A. 25%

B. 33%

C. 67%

D. 80%



Alexander et al., 2007

On Independent Reading Benefits

Which is an academic benefit of independent reading?

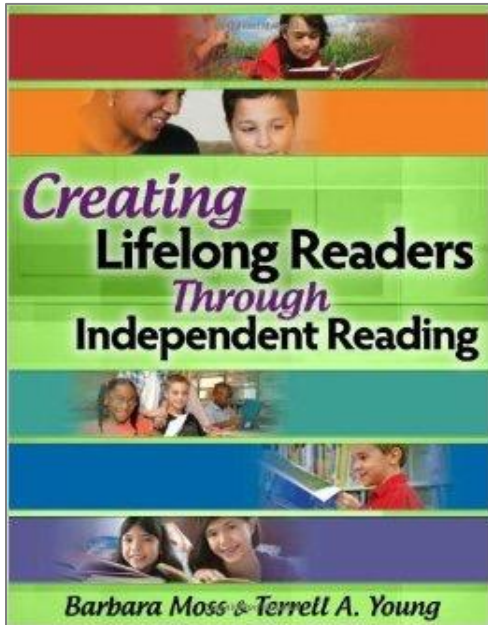
- A. Increased vocabulary development
- B. Greater domain & background knowledge
- C. Better fluency & comprehension
- D. Improved reading achievement
- E. All of the above



What is Independent Reading?



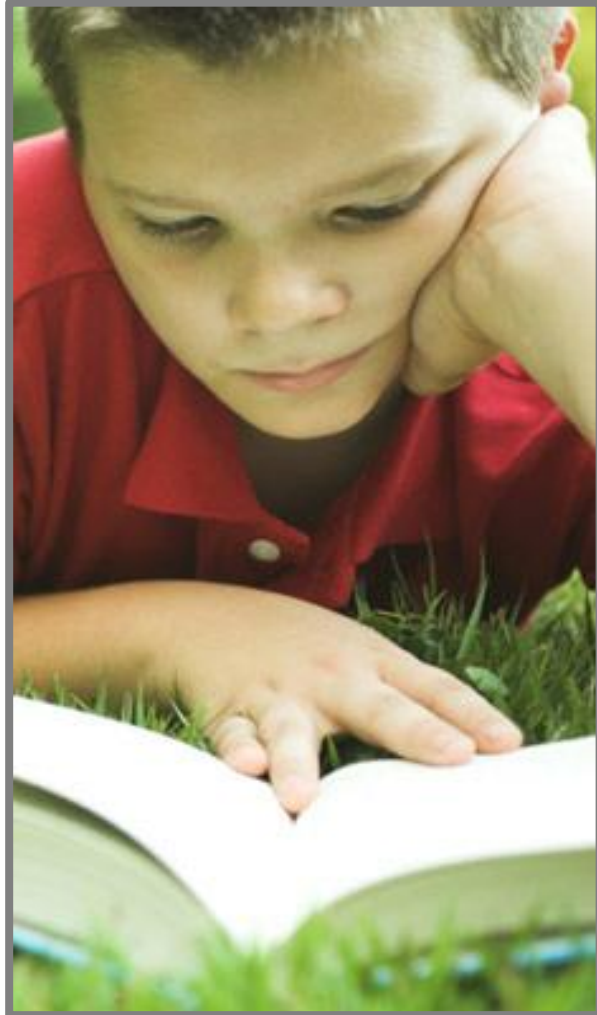
What is Independent Reading?



Self-selected reading
that students do
on their own
in or out of school,
with or without
instruction

The Scholastic Book Fairs Model

Independent Reading School Project



- Create strong independent reading cultures
- Use resources to enhance school programs
- Identify and evangelize best practices
- Create models and support tools to be used in other schools

Model Independent Reading Project Participants

School	Location	Principal
Highlands Elementary	Renton, WA	Dr. Janet Fawcett
Cleveland Elementary	Cleveland, MN	Dawn Brown
Schulze Elementary	Irving, TX	Lariza Liner
Evans Elementary	Sanford, FL	Carol Ann Darnell
Forrest Elementary	Fair Lawn, NJ	Michael Weaver
Gaithersburg Elementary	Gaithersburg, MD	Stephanie Brant
North Trail Elementary	Farmington, MN	Dr. Steven Geis
Politi Elementary	Los Angeles, CA	Brad Rumble, Luis Ochoa
Hanley Academy	Hamtramck, MI	Carolyn Boyer, Shameka McPherson
Wyandot Elementary	Dublin, OH	Heather Habrecht
Esperanza Elementary	Los Angeles, CA	Brad Rumble
Jackson Elementary	McAllen, TX	Sylvia Ibarra
Jensen Elementary	Mission, TX	Cuahutemoc Paz
Norma Coombs School	Pasedena, CA	Dr. Jennifer Smith
Ligarde Elementary	Loredo, TX	Rosalba Martinez

How Do You Create a Culture of Independent Reading at Your School?



A Comprehensive Approach



Schoolwide



Classroom

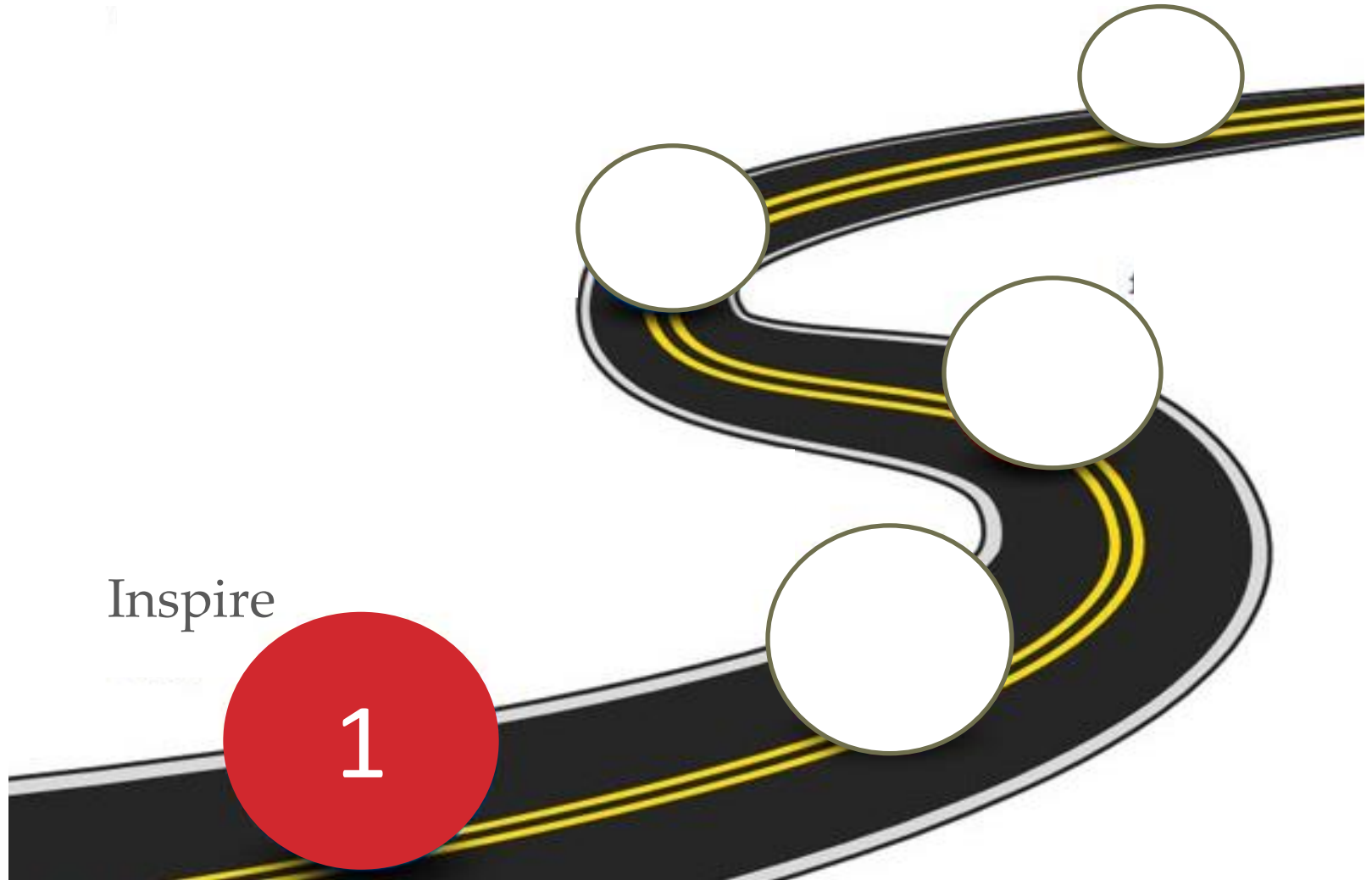


Home

Independent Reading Roadmap



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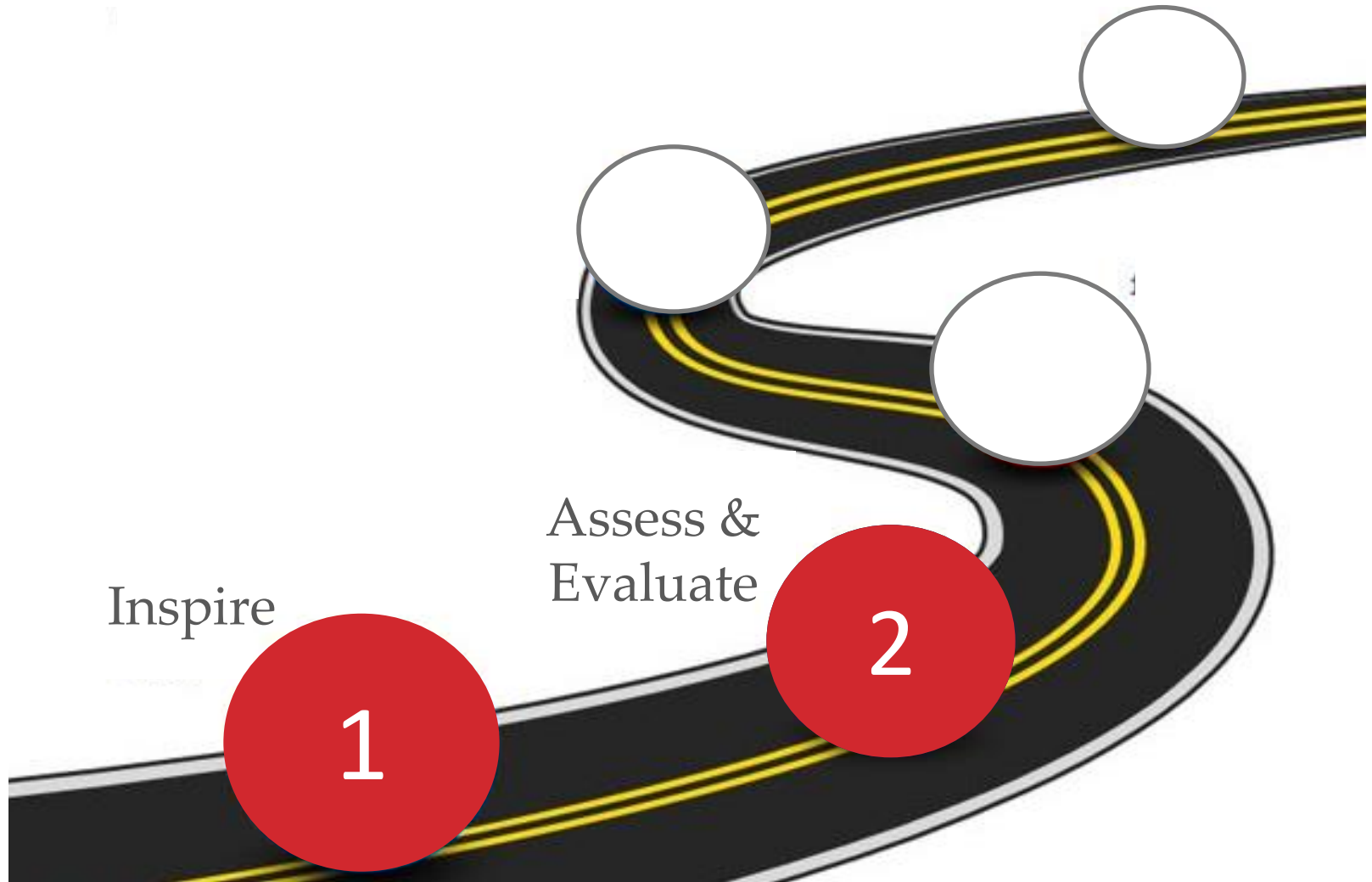


Step 1: Inspire

- Develop Your Vision
- Engage Independent Reading Evangelists
- Share Your Vision



Independent Reading Roadmap



Survey Tools



Schoolwide



Independent Reading
Best Practices
Survey



Classroom



Classroom Visit Survey

Classroom Library
Survey



Home



Family
Independent Reading
Survey

Small Group Activity

1. Review the assigned survey in your small groups.
 - Classroom Library Survey
 - IR Best Practices Survey
 - Classroom Visit Survey
2. Talk about each survey in small group.
3. On chart paper list:
 - 2 or 3 benefits for administering the survey
 - 1 or 2 questions you have after you reviewed it

Large Group Sharing

1. Share the benefits of administering the surveys.
2. What questions do you have after reviewing the surveys?

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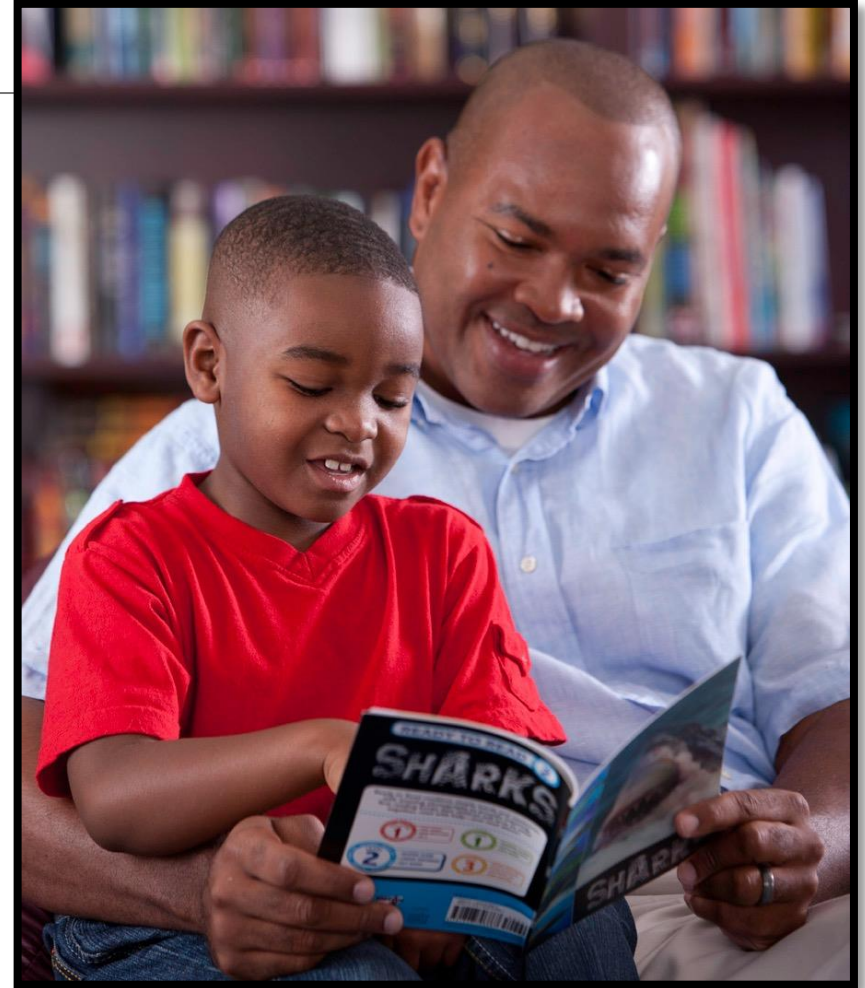


Sample Annual Independent Reading Plan

Focus	Action	Leaders	Resources	Time
Family -increase family awareness reading reading at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - share research/impact on reading at home with kids - set up 20/20 challenges 	Principal, Classroom Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -research data -twitter -20/20 recording sheets -<i>Summer Reading</i> 	-Sept.curriculum night -20/20 challenges throughout year
School -increase culture of reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - book talk at every meeting - visually design school to display books connected to staff & students 	Literacy team, Classroom teachers	book talk templates, <i>Book Wizard</i> , <i>Book Talks videos</i>	whole school year
Classroom (Year 1) -increase the effectiveness of conferring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -provide professional learning for staff -provide on-going feedback on the use of conferring 	Principal, Literacy team, literacy coaches	weebly, conferring templates	staff professional learning mornings (approx. monthly), team meetings with weebly throughout year
Classroom (Year 2) - Increase student led discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -provide professional learning for staff -provide on-going feedback on student led discussions 	Principal, Literacy team, literacy coaches	weebly, <i>Storia</i>	-staff professional learning mornings (approx. monthly), team meetings with weebly throughout year

Resources

- *Reading in the Wild* book
- ASCD digital Independent Reading Course
- Reading Summits





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