

HELP YOUR KIDS LOVE TO READ!!!

Creating Avid, Engaged Readers - How to Support your Childs Reading

Join Us!!! All Mary Hopkins parents are invited to partake in a seminar hosted by Kathy Collins on how to assist your children in achieving their reading goals at home through the summer break and beyond.

These days, there are so many options competing for our children's time and attention, from after school activities to social media to apps and games. Meanwhile, research shows that children who choose to read and who read a lot are likely to achieve higher academic and professional success as well as more personal fulfillment. For these reasons, and more, it's important that children develop healthy reading identities and habits from the start. In this workshop for parents and caregivers, Kathy Collins will share ideas for how families can help their children become the kind of kids who love to read and who choose to read. She'll share research and suggestions for creating an environment at home that encourages children to overcome hesitations or resistance to develop positive attitudes and a sense of pleasure around reading.

The presenter: Kathy Collins

Kathy Collins works in schools and presents at conferences all over the world to support teachers in developing high-quality, effective literacy instruction from pre-school to middle school. She is the co-author of *No More Mindless Homework* with Janine Bempechat (2017), *I AM Reading: Nudge Children toward Meaning Making and Joyful Engagement With Any Text* (2015); and the author of *Reading for Real: Teach Children to Read With Power, Intention, and Joy in K-3 Classrooms* (2008) and *Growing Readers: Units of Study in Primary Classrooms* (2004). Kathy was a first-grade teacher in Brooklyn, New York. She is the mother of two boys and the wife of a middle school math teacher. She and her family live in Durham, New Hampshire.

If you are interested in taking part, please RSVP via email to carley.casey@outlook.com. The seminar has been pre-recorded by Kathy and will be provided to parents who wish to partake. Additional resources are also being purchased to be given to parents to help you support your child's reading journey.

