

May 2018 - Literacy Strategy Spotlight

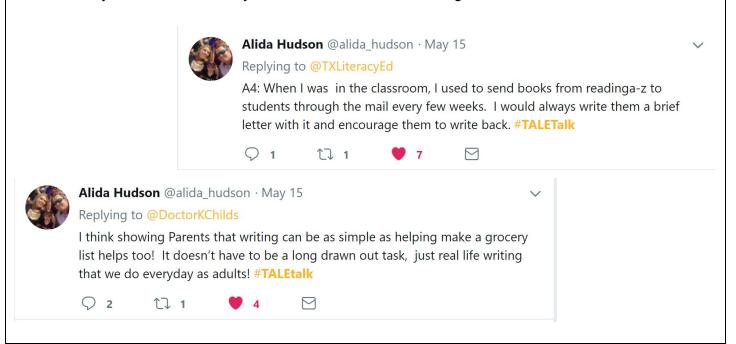
Teacher-Family Connections and Summer Literacy

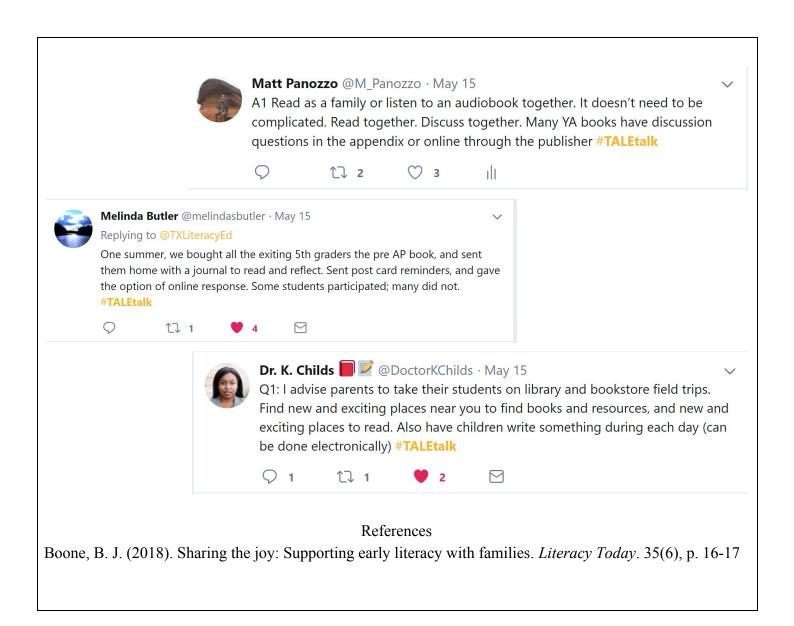
Barbara J. Boone (2018) describes the importance of teacher-family connections in ensuring students early success in schools. In her article, Boone features four steps to building this collaboration.

- 1. Begin with great expectations
- 2. Bring joy to reading at home
- 3. Share reading progress
- 4. Build partnership

Boone (2018) continues to say, "Early in the school year or summer, get to know families' interests, traditions, jobs, languages, and favorite outings... send books home that speak to families lives and languages." Summer is not only a great opportunity for teachers and students to relax and recharge, but it's also an opportunity for students to build confidence and practice their literacy skills in a comfortable environment.

To mitigate "summer slide," TALE committee directors and board members shared strategies and tips on Twitter for May's #TALEtalk. Below you will find the most liked strategies shared in this discussion.





If your school is interested in applying for the International Literacy Association's Exemplary Reading Program Award, please visit their online <u>application</u> for more information.