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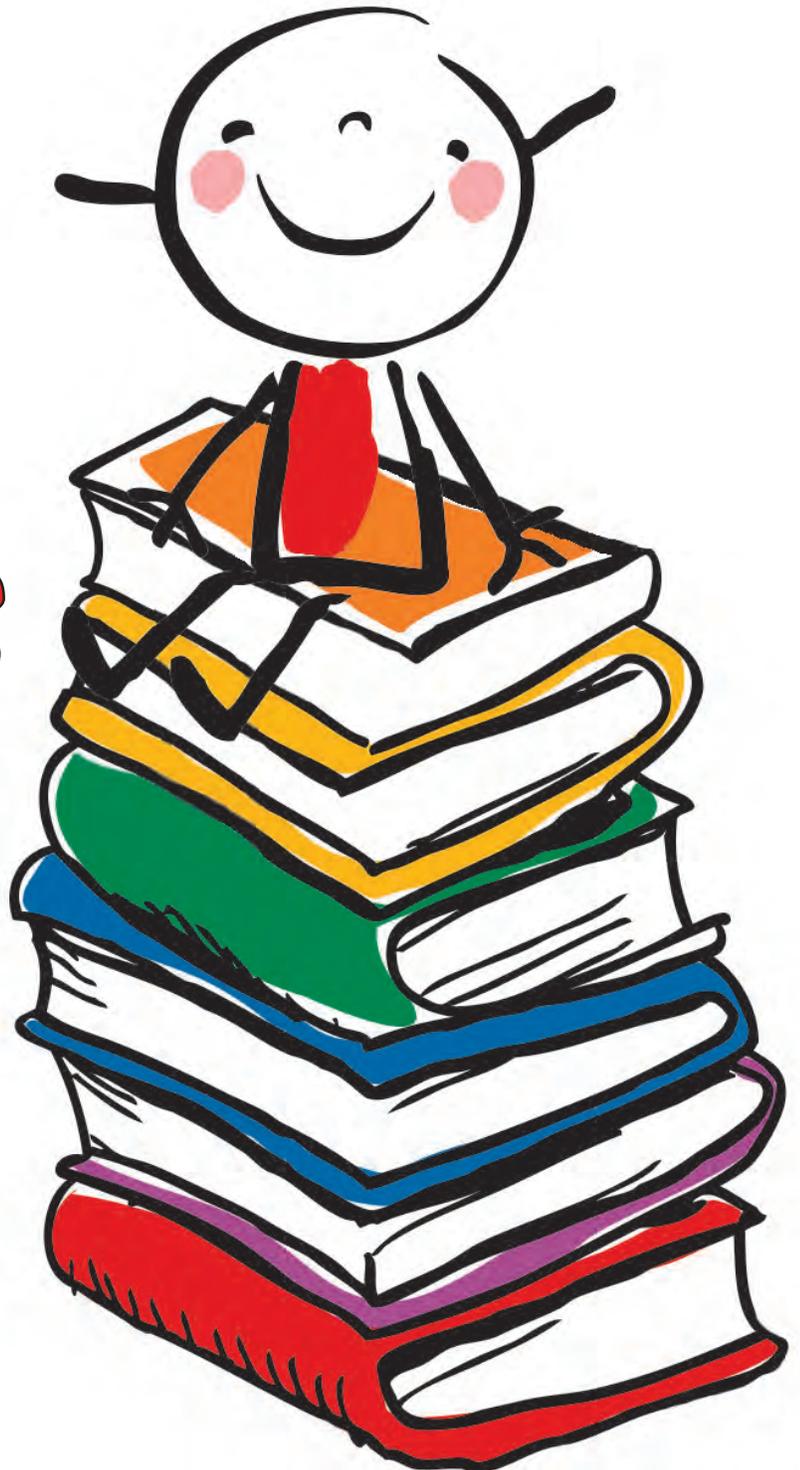
SUCCESS **B**Y **6**TM

Congratulations!

You and your child are
part of the . . .

Be a Page Turner Reading Program

- Each month, your child will receive a brand new book of their very own
- Your childcare provider will host family nights to learn more about reading
- We invite you to read to your child for a few minutes each day
- With a new book each month, we hope you'll have a great year reading with your child



A Heart of Illinois United Way Early Childhood Initiative

Be a Parent Page Turner

Helping your child get ready for kindergarten can be easy as reading two or three children's books to your child each day.

By sharing 10 to 15 minutes of one-on-one attention a day, your child will develop important language skills and build an interest in books and reading.

How to Pick Children's Books

Look for books with colorful pictures and simple words.

Find stories with rhymes or phrases that repeat.

Read books about the alphabet, counting/numbers and shapes.

Pick stories about making friends, going to school or feelings.

Help your child learn more about things they like with books about dinosaurs, cars, animals, etc.

Tips for a Great Story Time

Plan reading time (two to three stories) into your day.

Read together by letting your child hold the book and turn pages.

Run your finger under the words as you read.

Repeat favorite books to help your child learn the sounds of words.

Ask your child questions like 'what do you think will happen next?'

Most importantly, praise your child as his or her interest in books grows.

What is Success By 6®?

The primary goal of Success By 6®, the Heart of Illinois United Way's early childhood initiative, is to ensure that all children, from birth to age six, are healthy, safe, nurtured and ready to succeed by the time they reach school. The better prepared a child is to learn when he or she enters school, the better chance the child will have to succeed in life.

Why do we need Success By 6® in central Illinois?

The United Way has partnered with community leaders, local health and social service agencies and early education professionals to focus resources on helping area children. Through community research, early childhood literacy was identified as a key component of a child's success in school.

What is my role in the Success By 6® Be a Page Turner Reading Program?

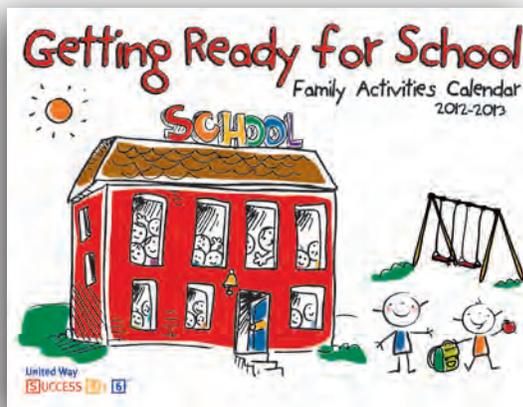
Reading with your child is very important. The United Way Success By 6® reading program will help you prepare your child for success by providing a new book for you to read each month, building your home library. This will help you encourage early learning while spending more time with your child. The more time a child has access to handling and reading books, he or she will become better prepared to learn in a school setting.

How will this program help my family?

An African proverb says, "it takes a village to raise a child." This is even more true in the early years of education. As a parent, grandparent or caregiver of a child who is part of the United Way's Success By 6® Be a Page Turner Reading Program, you can count on the support of your child's teachers who will provide you with reading tips and ideas to turn every day activities into learning activities. We also encourage you to attend the parent-child activities offered by your childcare provider. Reading together has many benefits and is a simple way to create lasting educational growth. Look for ideas in this brochure on how to get started.

Also from Success By 6® ...

The 2012-2013 Getting Ready for School Calendar



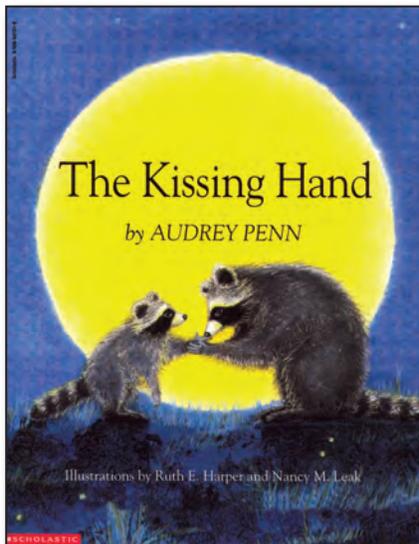
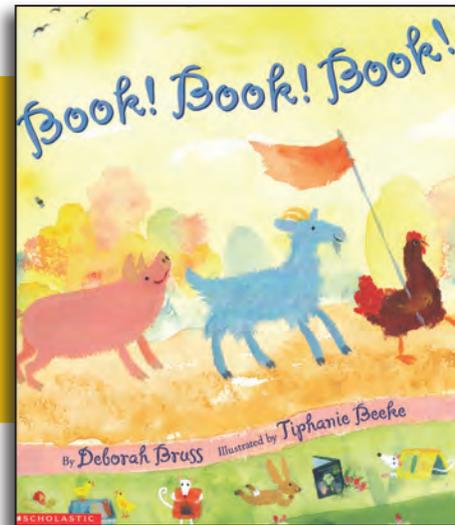
This 12-month calendar begins September 2012 and offers monthly learning tips, ideas for fun daily activities and of course, a large list of suggested books to read each month.

Well-known Book Titles

Book! Book! Book!

By Deborah Bruss

When the children go back to school, the animals on the farm have nothing to do until they discover the library. But when Cow, Pig, Horse and Goat try to check out a book, they are met with a very puzzled librarian.



The Kissing Hand

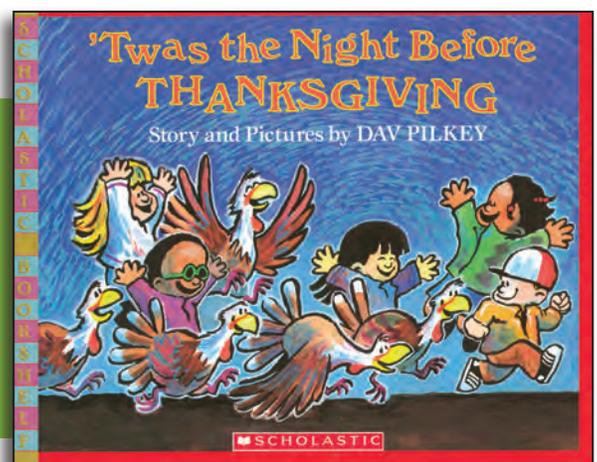
By Audrey Penn

Chester Raccoon doesn't want to leave home and go to school. But with the love and wisdom of his mother, he ventures out to attend his very first day of school.

'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving

By Dav Pilkey

The day before Thanksgiving, children take a field trip to a turkey farm. They have fun playing with the turkeys and decide to smuggle all them home and have a vegetarian feast instead.



A full year of fun is ahead . . .

Each month when your child receives their new *Be a Page Turner* book, your child's teacher will send home fun, simple activities that go along with the book. Parents and children will also have the opportunity to participate in family nights at your school so your child can share with you all of the fun things they do at school. We hope you'll make an effort to attend!

School Readiness Checklist



Use this checklist as a guide for preparing your child for school. The list has goals that you can accomplish through everyday routines or enjoyable activities. If you're behind in some areas, don't worry, because children grow and develop at different rates.

For Good Health and Physical Well-Being, My Child:

- Eats a balanced diet that is low in sugar and saturated fats
- Gets plenty of rest including ten hours of sleep at night
- Receives regular medical and dental care
- Has had all the necessary immunizations
- Runs, jumps and plays outdoors for exercise
- Works puzzles, draws, colors and more

For Social and Emotional Preparation, My Child:

- Is learning to explore and try new things
- Is learning to work alone
- Is curious and motivated to learn
- Is learning to use self-control
- Is learning to use words to express emotions
- Has opportunities to be with other children
- Is learning to cooperate with others
- Is learning to finish tasks
- Can follow simple instructions
- Helps with family chores

For Language and General Knowledge, My Child:

- Has many opportunities to talk and listen
- Watches television monitored by an adult
- Is learning to write his or her name and address
- Is learning to identify shapes and colors
- Is encouraged to dance, run, jump and play
- Has opportunities to see and hear new things
- Is read to every day
- Is encouraged to ask questions
- Is learning to count and plays counting games
- Is able to notice similarities and differences
- Is learning to sort and classify objects
- Has opportunities to listen and make music

Help Me
Learn
&
Grow!



As your home library grows:



- Create a special place for the new book your child will bring home each month
- If you don't have shelves, use a box or crate to make a home library
- Help your child decorate and personalize their library/reading space
- Set aside a special time to read with your child
- Visit your public library and get a library card for you and your family
- Add variety to your voice, make sounds that match the story

With these steps in place, your child will always have a special place to keep and find books when it's story time or bedtime.

Questions about Success By 6[®] or the Be a Page Turner Reading Program? Please contact Maggie Heppner, Program Manager at 309-674-5181, ext. 229 or maggie.heppner@unitedway.org

About the Page Turner Reading Program

Each month, nearly 3,000 children at childcare sites in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties receive a new book of their own to keep through the Success By 6[®] Be a Page Turner Reading Program. We would like to thank our partner agencies and community volunteers who are making this happen for families across central Illinois.



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"Read to Me. Be with Me. Talk to Me."