

FAMILIES AND LITERACY COMMITTEE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

As a new school year begins in these unprecedented times in the midst of racism and COVID-19 – a dual pandemic that forces us to grapple with the importance of social change - your minds may be filled with many questions about the uncertainty. The WSRA Families and Literacy committee is here to bring light to some of these concerns and give you resources to find the positive in the current state.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

Use these ever-changing times as a change agent to find the positive within.

Our actions matter! Find activities that your family can do to work toward change. One suggestion is to find a book about someone who lives a different life than you do, a window into the life of another human being.



One book to get access to is *Dictionary for a Better Word: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A-Z* by Irene Latham. It suggests other things to try. The book is set up in dictionary format, with each entry presenting a word related to creating a better world. For each word, there is a poem, quote from an inspiring person, personal anecdote from the authors, and "try it" prompt for an activity.

BOOK SPOTLIGHT



Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights
by Rob Sanders



In this book, the author introduces concepts that are hard to understand by turning them into something actionable. If you are trying to help your child understand protesting, standing up for what's right, or uniting around the common good, this book will help you in having those discussions!