

Chapter 1—Family Reading Resource Guide

Chapter 1: Learning: A Good Beginning

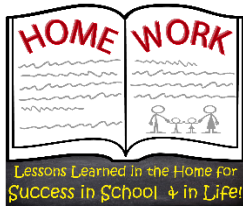
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The Value of Learning: The Story of Marie Curie, by Ann Donegan Johnson, Steve Pileggi (Illustrator) A brief biography emphasizing the importance of learning in the life of the scientist who was awarded the Nobel prize for her work in chemistry. 63 pages. Published August 1st 1978 by Value Communications (first published June 1978). **ISBN: 978-0916392185.** [Available at Goodreads](#)

Motivated Minds: Raising Children to Love Learning. Paperback–April 18, 2001, by Deborah Stipek Ph.D. (Author), Kathy Seal (Author). A practical guide to ensuring your child's success in school. Through extensive research, combined with ongoing classroom implementation of their ideas, Deborah Stipek, Dean of the School of Education at Stanford, and Kathy Seal have created a program that will encourage motivation and a love of learning in children from toddlerhood through elementary school. Stipek and Seal help parents create an enriching environment for their children at home that will mesh with the school experience and become a positive, effective climate for learning. **ISBN: 978-0805063950.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Motivating Students to Learn. 4th Edition. by Kathryn R. Wentzel (Author), Jere E. Brophy (Author). Written specifically for teachers, *Motivating Students to Learn* offers a wealth of research-based principles on the subject of student motivation for use by classroom teachers. The fourth edition discusses specific classroom strategies by tying these principles to the realities of contemporary schools, curriculum goals, and classroom dynamics. This edition features new material on the roles that classroom goal setting, developing students' interest, and teacher-student and peer relationships play in student motivation. It has been reorganized to address six key questions that combine to explain why students may or may not be motivated to learn. **ISBN: 978-0415893527.** [Available at Amazon.](#)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teens Talk Middle School: 101 Stories of Life, Love, and Learning for Younger Teens. Paperback by Jack Canfield (Author), Mark Victor Hansen (Author). The stories in this book cover topics important to the 12 to 14-year-old age range, including regrets and lessons learned, discovering the opposite sex, cliques and popularity, and new privileges and responsibilities such as jobs, cell phones, and grades. **ISBN: 978-1935096269.** [Available at Amazon.](#)



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Eager to Learn: Helping Children Become Motivated and Love Learning. Author: Raymond J. Wlodkowski. This book provides parents and teachers with proven techniques that encourage motivation, help instill a lasting love of learning, and make acquiring knowledge an enjoyable experience. This practical guide tackles the hard questions. How do children develop problem-solving skills? How do parents reduce anxiety over tests and grades? How do families overcome TV, boredom, and homework ills? How do we forge better parent-teacher relationships? The authors show that by encouraging and supporting children in learning, parents and teachers cultivate in them a precious gift that lasts a lifetime. **ISBN: 978-1555423674. [Available at Amazon.](#)**

The Learning Habit: A Groundbreaking Approach to Homework and Parenting that Helps Our Children Succeed in School and Life. Authors: Stephanie Donaldson-Pressman, Rebecca Jackson, Dr. Robert Pressman. 2014. A groundbreaking approach to building learning habits for life, based on a major new study revealing what works – and what doesn't. Life is different for kids today. This important and parent-friendly book presents new solutions based on the largest study of family routines ever conducted. *The Learning Habit* offers a blueprint for navigating the maze of homework, media use, and the everyday stress that families with school-age children face; turning those "stress times" into opportunities to develop the eight critical skills kids will need to succeed in college and in the highly competitive job market of tomorrow. **ISBN: 978-0399167119. [Available at Amazon.](#)**

Steamboat School. Author: Deborah Hopkinson. Illus. by Ron Husband. Disney/Jump at the Sun. *Missouri, 1847*—Based on true events, Ron Husband's uplifting illustrations bring to life Deborah Hopkinson's tale of a resourceful, determined teacher; his bright, inquisitive students; and their refusal to accept discrimination based on the color of their skin. **ISBN: 978-1423121961. [Available at Amazon.](#)**

Brown v. Board of Education: A Fight for Simple Justice. Author: Susan Goldman Rubin. Award-winning author Susan Goldman Rubin tells the stories behind the ruling and the people responsible for it. She brings readers up to date with a country still grappling with a public school system not yet fully desegregated. Timeline, source notes and index are included. **ISBN: 9 978-0823436460. [Available at Amazon.](#)**