

TENETS OF THE JOYFUL READING APPROACH

- Immerses our students in joyful and engaging shared reading experiences throughout the day, day after day, all year long.
- Defines joyful and engaging shared reading experiences as any reading opportunity that is enjoyable and participatory and involves meaningful interactivity between children and cherished caregivers.
- Honors and embraces all language and cultural backgrounds; recognizes multiculturalism as the norm.
- Turns our classrooms into reading playgrounds with access to beloved books and other forms of meaningful print.
- Builds our students' reading foundation, which includes developing fundamental reading skills and knowledge and leading them to love books, enjoy reading, and see themselves as readers.
- Prepares our students for successful reading instruction.
- Places reading as the central and unifying mission of early childhood education.
- Is integrated seamlessly into the fabric of the school day.
- Views learning to read as a deeply human process.
- Is simple and pragmatic, and costs nothing to implement.
- Optimizes shared reading experiences for wonderful reading outcomes.
- Views all early-education teachers as reading teachers.
- Works with all curricula and supports all forms of reading instruction.