



Building Black Futures Through Literacy



“You’re our new
Literacy Specialist”



Did you know that 39% of third graders in KGO are **NOT** reading to provincial standards?

When children fail, we all do.



Our Mission

To create and deliver literacy-focused programs and resources that support children, and their families, to be successful at all stages of life.

360° Stories



Young Authors from the 360° Stories program.

Kids ReadTO



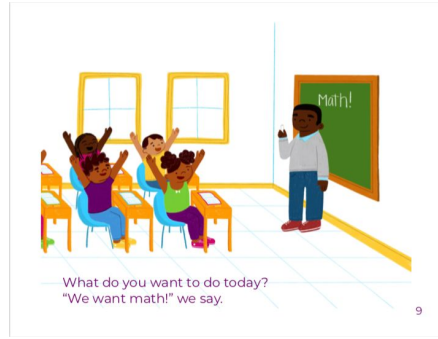
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**Kids
ReadTO**
A Virtual Book Club for Ages 9-12





Reading Partnership for Black Parents



“Once children see themselves represented in books, their existence is validated, and they feel that they are part of the world.”

- Eric Velasquez (award winning author and/or illustrator of many children's books)

ANTI-BLACK RACISM & SYSTEMIC BARRIERS IN SCHOOLS

Statistics show:

- students from low-income families, Black & Indigenous students, and students with special needs are 4¹/₂ times more likely not to earn a high-school diploma.
- that Black students in Toronto are four times more likely to be expelled from school than white students (Das Gupta et al., 2020).
- Black students also face racial inequity and violence in schools (O'Grady et al., 2010).
- fewer than 70% of Black students within the region complete high school, and 43% do not pursue post-secondary education.

Racism is embedded in the education system, and Black families need more support.

IMPACT OF LOW LITERACY ON BLACK FUTURES

Children who do not learn to read prior to age seven, and who experience reading difficulties after grade three seldom catch up later. As a result, reading problems put these children at high risk for school failure, dropping out, low literacy, and chronic unemployment in adulthood, and consequently, for perpetuating the cycle of poverty and low literacy in the next generation (Sullivan and Howe, 1999).

Parents of Black children need to be vigilant and involved with the education system if their children are to have the same opportunities for learning as other children.

Source: Assessment of the Needs of Black Parents in Ontario

EVALUATION OF THE INNOVATIVE SUPPORTS FOR BLACK PARENTS INITIATIVE



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