



***Family Book Clubs***  
***Ideas for Helping Your Children Develop Reading and Math Skills***  
***Parent Information Resource Center Workshops for Families***

Iowa Statewide Parent Information Resource Center will provide training for staff, parents, and/or community volunteers to conduct a series of 6 to 8 workshops for families with children in preschool through second grade.

**WORKSHOP GOALS:**

To teach families:

- a. how to encourage their children's development in reading and math, and
- b. to build relationships among families and between families and the school.

**WORKSHOP CONTENT:**

Information on how:

- children develop in the areas of reading and math;
- parents can support their children's literacy and math development at home and in school;
- to "tame the tube," or any kind of screen (television, video or computer).

**EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:**

- Identified as "in need of assistance" in the areas of reading and/or math;
- Agree to conduct 6 to 8 ninety-minute workshops during the school year (no more than one per month);
- Agree to conduct the workshops for the same group of families each month;
- Provide materials for activities, space in which to conduct the workshops, equipment, trainers and childcare, if needed;
- Send trainers to a one day train-the-trainer workshop;
- Gather evaluation data.

**Iowa Statewide PIRC WILL PROVIDE:**

- Each family will receive at each session one free book for a K–2 child and other handouts/materials; Spanish versions of handouts will be available;
- Train-the-trainer workshop which will include scripts for trainers to follow when conducting the workshops and handouts for them to distribute;
- On-going consultation and assistance, as needed.



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