

KET's *Education Matters* examines importance of achieving literacy by third grade

Studies show that children who can't read by the third grade are at much greater risk for academic failure. On the next edition of ***Education Matters***, panelists join host Bill Goodman to discuss the importance of early interventions to help students achieve grade-level reading fluency and comprehension at an early age.

***Education Matters* "Reading by Third Grade"** airs Monday, May 25 at 8/7 pm on KET. After airing, the program will also be available for streaming online at KET.org/educationmatters.

The program addresses the importance of a multi-pronged approach to teaching literacy, and investigates the role that summer learning programs, school readiness initiatives, school-based interventions and parent engagement can play in helping children become skilled readers.

Scheduled panelists include Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer for Jefferson County Public Schools, who discusses the district's Third Grade Reading Pledge, which aims to ensure that every JCPS student is reading on grade level by the end of the third grade.

Also scheduled to appear are Brigitte Blom Ramsey, associate executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence; Jill Maynard, principal at Southside Elementary School in Pike County; and Shawn Justice, principal at Tygart Creek Elementary School in Carter County.

An accompanying video segment from Tygart Creek Elementary illustrates how the school's short- and long-term reading intervention strategies have been successful in helping at-risk students improve their literacy skills.

The program will also include video segments spotlighting a professional development partnership between Camp Taylor Elementary School in Jefferson County and Bellarmine University, as well as a demonstration of a literacy technique called

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“dialogic reading,” which is designed to foster critical thinking skills while parents read with their children.

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