

Parent Workshop Series – Provided by the Milford School District Newsletter

The Milford School District has partnered with Reading ASSIST to bring parents of Milford students a valuable opportunity. Parents have been invited to participate in workshops designed to share how children learn to read and how parents can help and support their children at home.

Two workshops have already taken place. The first, on January 27th, focused on the alphabet and phonemic awareness. Another workshop took place on February 17th, with the topic for the evening being reading comprehension and writing. Two additional sessions are planned. One will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at Ross Elementary School. This session is titled “Phonics and Fluency” and is designed for parents who have children in grades 2 and 3. The final workshop is scheduled for March 31st at Banneker Elementary School and is designed for parents of children in grades K-5. The topic for that evening will be vocabulary and comprehension.

Each of the workshops is held from 6:00 to 7:00, and pre-registration is appreciated. Free child care is available at each session as well, thanks to assistance from the Milford High School and Milford Middle School Honors Students. Thanks to a grant obtained by Milford School District, all of the workshops also provide books and materials free-of-charge to each attending family.

If you have any questions about these parent workshops or would like a registration form, please contact Morris, Ross or Banneker and ask for the building reading specialist.

The workshops are dynamic, engaging and full of ideas and strategies that parents can use to help their children as they learn to read. Each session is presented by Judie Caroleo, Director of Instruction for the Reading ASSIST Institute.

Reading ASSIST is an organization that formed over 20 years ago with the mission of improving children’s ability to read. They offer a variety of services to the community, including teacher training, parent assistance and one-on-one tutoring directly with students. The Milford School District has partnered with Reading ASSIST over the past few years, each time with tremendous success for everyone involved. Although Reading ASSIST serves all of Delaware, New Jersey, and other surrounding states, it has traditionally been centered in Wilmington. Recently, however, Reading ASSIST opened an office in Milford.

Having Reading ASSIST right here in our community promises the opportunity for a significant impact. Families now have an additional place to go for high-quality, high-results tutoring in reading. Another benefit is that Reading ASSIST is now more accessible to the southern Delaware school districts. The individual tutoring offered by Reading ASSIST is carefully structured for students’ learning needs. Careful assessments are done prior to the start of tutoring and children are placed in the program based precisely on their needs. To find out more about the Reading ASSIST Tutoring Program, contact the Milford office at 422-2299 or visit the website at www.readingASSIST.org.

What do participants have to say about these workshops?

“The games and knowing a new way to teach my kids (not just the way I learned) are the most helpful things!”

“I loved finding out how my child learns. I would suggest you extend the sessions or have more of them—they’re that good!”

“The games are wonderful! Now I know how to help my child have fun with words.”

“I discovered things about reading that I never knew I knew. I can’t wait to help my child discover this, too.”

“The resources and materials are great.”

“This was great! Hopefully more sessions will be available in the future. I would definitely come back.”

“Everything I heard was valuable.”

“You have really helped me understand how to help my daughter.”

*“I feel like now I know **what** to do and **how** to do it!”*

Judie Caroleo (standing at the far left) works with a group of parents during the Reading ASSIST-Milford School District Parent Workshop Series.

