



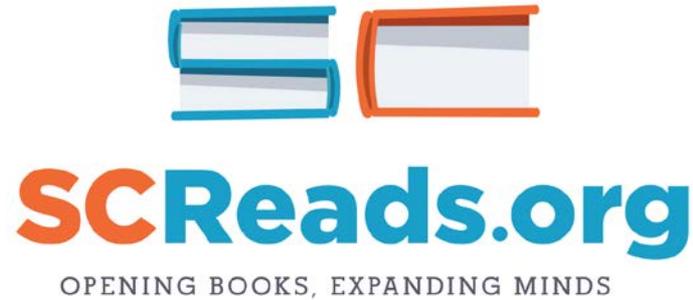
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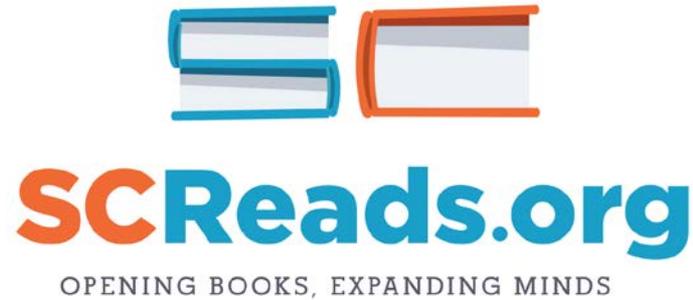


Doubling Down on Early Literacy: Ensure Every Child Can Read

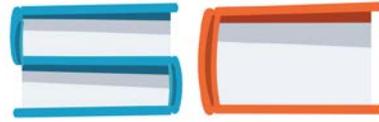
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- In 2014, South Carolina passed the Read to Succeed Act to establish a comprehensive literacy support system for students.
 - Includes a state office of Early Learning and Literacy, state and district reading plans, state funded school reading coaches, early identification of struggling readers, intensive interventions, and as a last resort the retention of lowest achieving readers in 3rd grade
 - The 2017-2018 school year marks the first year of the legislation's full implementation
 - Read to Succeed has led to schools and districts using data more effectively and promoting strategies that increase student achievement
 - In a recent independent study, over 85% of teachers noted increased learning time for struggling readers and improved K-3 reading outcomes as a result
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- South Carolina has and continues to develop a comprehensive communication strategy to inform parents, educators, and the public about the importance of reading and its impact on student achievement.
 - Partnered with MetaMetrics to utilize Lexile and Quantile Frameworks in reporting state assessment results so that parents can be empowered to understand and monitor student growth
 - Developed SCReads.org micro-website with strategies on how to help children become stronger readers.
 - Utilized traditional and social media platforms to reach targeted audiences and connect them with SCReads.org and share the importance of reading
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OPENING BOOKS, EXPANDING MINDS





- Student reading competition utilizing the rivalry between the University of South Carolina and Clemson University football teams.
- All Pre-K through 8th grade students who read 6 books qualify to win tickets to the annual Clemson vs. South Carolina game.
- Winners will receive four tickets and pre-game sideline passes to the Clemson vs. South Carolina game.
- Schools and teachers are incentivized with monetary awards ranging from \$500 to \$2000