

Super Heroes to the Rescue!



Literacy Days 2017

Parent/LC Session

Super Powers to become Super Heroes

Super Heroes...are Literate

Literacy:



- *The ability to read and write*
- *Competence in a given area (computer “literate.”)*
- *The SUPER POWER to a student’s future success!*



Literacy to the Rescue!

In the early grades children learn to read. In the older grades, children read to learn.



Super Heroes...Super Readers

What are some things you do to foster literacy in your home and in your student(s)?



What would you like to
that interferes with literacy in your home,
lifestyle, etc?



Power-Packed Punches to Foster Literacy



impatience!

Your super power is **WAIT TIME!**

What is Wait Time?

The time you wait for your student to respond after you've asked a question.

It is your super power, your secret weapon, and will empower your child for life.



From 1 to 5...makes a world of difference

- The typical time to wait for a response to question is 1 second.
- By waiting 5 seconds, you time you wait for your student to respond after you've asked a question.
- After the typical one second wait, students usually use knowledge-level responses. (We want higher level thinking than knowledge-level.)



From 1 to 5...more **BANG** for your buck!

- Most students are still thinking of their response to the first question by the time another question is asked.
- When we **count to 5....**
 - The length of student responses increases 400 to 800 percent.
 - The number of unsolicited but appropriate responses increases.
 - Failure to respond decreases.
 - Student confidence increases.
 - Students ask more questions.
 - Student achievement increases significantly.


Our “help” can be a hindrance

The “help” looks like:

- We prompt the answer
- Use nonverbal cues



The hindrance looks like:

- Too much reliance on the adult
-  s self confidence
- Inability to take risks/fear of failure

Wait Time for us = Think Time for Students

KAPOW

How does this relates to testing and other life skills...

Can your students perform when you're not right there?

“They just aren't good at taking a test.”

Independence – fostering thinking that is not reliant on another outside prompting force is vital to the thinking capacity and ability to problem solve and strategize.

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their super powers!

There is much more at stake than a test!

Develop your Super Power

Adding wait time to your teaching repertoire will, perhaps more than any other teaching strategy, have the greatest impact on student performance.



Resources ...to the RESCUE!



- ODE – Family Engagement & Literacy Kits - <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning/Ohio/Literacy/Ohio-s-Early-Literacy-Toolkits/Family-and-Community-Support-Toolbox#LAR>
- InfOhio – free digital reading/content resources
- Big Universe – new from K12 – digital resources, more info coming soon.
- PBS Parents <http://www.pbs.org/parents/>
- **What's your favorite? Share!**

Other topics

Sight words

Phonics

Fiction reading

Non-fiction reading

Writing – handwriting and keyboarding





Questions/Discussion?

