

The Reading Edge

The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council

January 2007

Duval County Reading Council 2006-2007 Meeting Calendar

General Membership Meetings

Thurs., Jan. 18

Sam Sebesta

Sponsor: Pearson Scott Foresman

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., Feb. 22

Vicki Gibson

Sponsor: McMillan/McGraw-Hill

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., April 19

Installation

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Special Events

March 5-9

Newspaper in Education Week

May 13-17

**52nd Annual International Reading Association Convention
Toronto, Canada**

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Dr. Sam Sebesta

Dr. Sam L. Sebesta is a recently retired Professor from the College of Education at the University of Washington in Seattle. He received his M.A. from Northwestern University and his Ed.D. from Stanford University. Although his dissertation focused on phonics, Dr. Sebesta's more recent research has been in the areas of children's reading preferences and reader response.

Before earning his doctorate, Dr. Sebesta taught at the elementary school level, Grades 1–8. He is an active member of the International Reading Association and has served as literature reviewer for *The Reading Teacher*, co-chair of the Children's Choices project, and regional leader for the Teacher's Choices project. He received the 1986–1987 Arbuthnot Award for Outstanding Teacher of Children's and Young Adults' Literature.

Dr. Sebesta conducts many workshops and speaks throughout the United States, Europe, Saudi Arabia, Canada, and Australia. He coauthored *Literature for Thursday's Child* and edited such books as *Ivory, Apes, and Peacocks* and *Inspiring Literacy*.

Congratulations to the following 38 schools who have achieved 100% membership:

98, # 68, # 72, # 169, # 88, # 246, # 247, # 57, # 209, # 13, # 12, # 263, # 262, # 91, # 37, # 158, # 74, # 235, # 233, # 106, # 15, # 143, # 148, # 78, # 215, # 243, # 266, # 95, # 70, # 214, # 19, # 258, # 166, # 59, # 236, # 116, Southside UMC Preschool and St. Joseph's Catholic School.

The Herrold-Charbonnet Scholarship All Aboard the "Scholarship Ship"

Six scholarships will be awarded to eligible members of the Reading Council or their child. A \$250.00 scholarship will be awarded to six persons enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university, junior year or above in a degree seeking program. Two of those scholarships will be awarded according to IRA criteria, requiring the applicants to pursue an undergraduate degree in Education or Reading or a graduate degree in Reading. Scholarship applications will be available online at www.duvalreadingcouncil.org. Deadline to submit applications is **January 18th**.





What's in Your book bag?

Books and resources to try



One to One: The Art of Conferring with Young Writers by Lucy Calkins, Amanda Hartman, and Zoe White
ISBN 0-325-00788-8
Heinemann

Because reading and writing are linked so closely together, *One to One : The Art of Conferring with Young Writers* is a helpful resource for anyone teaching young children to read and write. This book is filled with insightful thought provoking ideas on topics that teachers face during writer's workshop. Chapter titles include:

- The Essentials of Conferring with Young Writers
- The Management That Makes Conferring Possible
- Efficient Record-Keeping Systems
- The Research Phase
- The Decision Phase

- The Teaching Point and the Link to Independent Work
- Supporting Reading Development Through Conferring in Writing
- Writing Conferences in Early Kindergarten
- Conferring with Young Artists, Mathematicians, and Scientists
- Conferring with English Language Learners Strengthening Your Ability to Confer

The New Year is a great time to replenish your "tool box" with all the essential gear needed to improve your students' writing every day. Happy reading!

Michelle Stinson
Henry F. Kite

Newspaper in Education Activities

Warm up your students to the Newspaper using these activities.

With your students, scan the *Times-Union* for pictures of animals. (Use the comics, too!) Cut out the pictures and with your students decide whether each animal would make a good pet or not.

Ask students to scan the *Times-Union* and clip at least five interesting stories. Identify the 5 W's and H from each story: who, what, where, when, why and how. Ask them to create an original story by mixing the 5 W's and H from the different stories. Take some time to illustrate the zany stories.



Thank You

Hubbard House Community Service Project

With your amazing generosity 150 bags of books and school supplies were delivered to Hubbard House prior to Thanksgiving for distribution to the children who find themselves at Hubbard House during the Holidays and throughout the year. Thank you so much for your generous support.

At the January meeting we will be collecting donations to continue our sponsorship of ten quality children's magazines for the children of Hubbard House. Ranger Rick, National Geographic Kids, Sports Illustrated for Kids, Sesame Street and other great magazines enrich the lives of the children at Hubbard House.

If each person who attends January's meeting donates \$1.00 that will just about cover the cost of renewing a one year subscription for each of the ten magazines.

So get your dollar ready and we'll see you on January 18th!

Reading gives us important things to remember.

“I like to swim, but there are some days I just don’t feel much like doing it – but *I do it anyway!* I know it’s good for me and I promised myself I’d do it every day, and I like to keep my promises. That’s one of my disciplines. And it’s a good feeling after you’ve tried and done something well. Inside you think, “I’ve kept at this and I’ve really learned it – not by magic, but by my own work.”

_____ Fred Rogers (Mister Rogers)

What have you promised yourself for this New Year 2007? By the time you read this there may be “cracks” in those promises. Thank goodness there is always tomorrow to make new promises. But perhaps the time has come to just do it – even when you don’t feel like it. Think about how rewarding it would feel - instead of falling short, you are able to take pride in channeling your efforts into achievements. Anything is possible through determination.

Katy Kearson
President

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