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**CALIFORNIA
READS**



We all know that reading is the foundation of learning and needs to be highlighted year-round to make a lasting impression. A study from the National Institute for Literacy found that a person who is not at least a modestly skilled reader by the end of third grade is quite unlikely to graduate from high school. Teachers and librarians are literacy experts, so it seems only natural that teachers recommend books for reading. The California Reads Committee offers teacher-approved quarterly book recommendations for multiple age groups, including adults. For more information and downloads (including the bookmark shown above) go to <https://www.cta.org/Parents-and-Community/California-Reads.aspx>

Council Rejects Charter School Petition

The MTA Representative Council met Tuesday, January 23 and discussed the Charter School Petition presented to the District from Discovery Charter School - Montebello. The petition requests from the District to approve an independent charter school providing an integrated science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) elementary school.

The charter plans to open in the fall of 2018 with about 300 TK through fourth grade students, and plans to grow to serve students through eighth grade.

The Education Code states that the District has sixty days to approve or disapprove the charter petition from the time it was submitted (December 13, 2017). The Board of Education held an Open Hearing January 18 and plans to consider the matter February 1.

Rationale for opposition by Council included that there was no clear evidence of better academic progress in charters, and the independent charter would have less accountability to the voters. Also, the charter would drain resources from other schools and replicate existing programs.

2018-2019, 2019-2020, & 2020-2021 Calendars Are Approved by Council

Council approved the instructional calendars for the next three years. The calendars are expected to be approved by the Board of Education at the February 1 meeting. You may review the instructional calendars and the staff development months calendar at MontebelloTeachers.org.



Our Students Are not for Sale!



**Join the Rally Against
Charter Schools**

Thursday, February 1

5:30 p.m.

(wear your MTA shirt)

**Montebello Unified School
District 123 S. Montebello Blvd.
Board of Education meets at 6 p.m.**

Discovery Charter School - Montebello, *Part of Legacy Charter Public Schools* has submitted a Charter Petition to the Montebello Unified School District. The Board of Education will decide whether to approve or deny the petition. See the entire petition at: MontebelloTeachers.org/docs/CharterSchoolApplication.pdf