

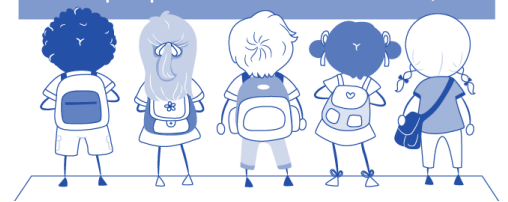


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CTA's California Reads: Reading is the Foundation of Learning



Since 1998, the National Education Association (NEA) has celebrated Read Across America to raise awareness about the importance of reading. In 2013, CTA launched the **California Reads** program.

Rather than celebrate reading on just one day, California Reads promotes reading year-round with teacher-approved quarterly book recommendations for multiple age groups including adults.

California Reads promotes reading through a yearly list of 20 teacher-recommended books in five age categories:

- Pre K/TK/K
- Grades 1-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12



CTA President E. Toby Boyd participates in California Reads. Boyd, kindergarten teacher in Elk Grove Unified, has been CTA president since June 2019.

Go to cta.org/get-involved/california-reads for more information. Download participation certificates for you your students in English and Spanish. **Tips to Help Kids Be a Good Reader** are also available to download in English, Tagalog, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Hmong, and Cambodian.



Bargaining Survey Takes 5 Minutes

The Bargaining Survey was emailed Wednesday, January 13 and is due Thursday, January 21. The current three year contract expires June 30, 2021. It is based on in-person learning. In order to address working conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Association has ratified Memorandums of Understandings for first and second semester distance learning. It has not been determined when traditional in-person learning will resume.

If you have not received the survey, email MTA@MontebelloTeachers.org.