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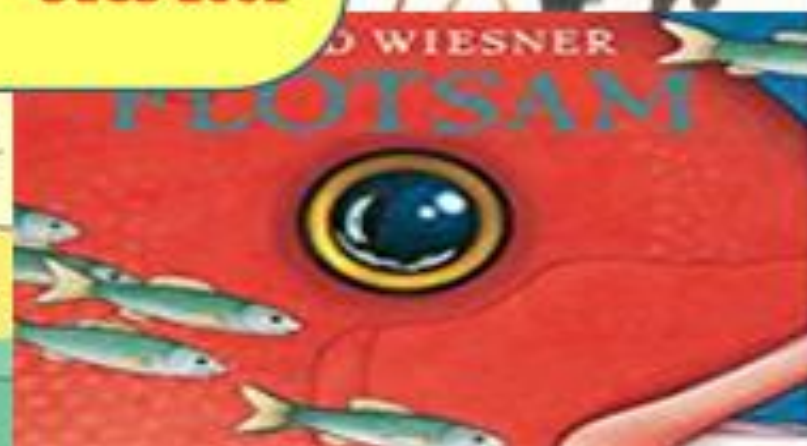
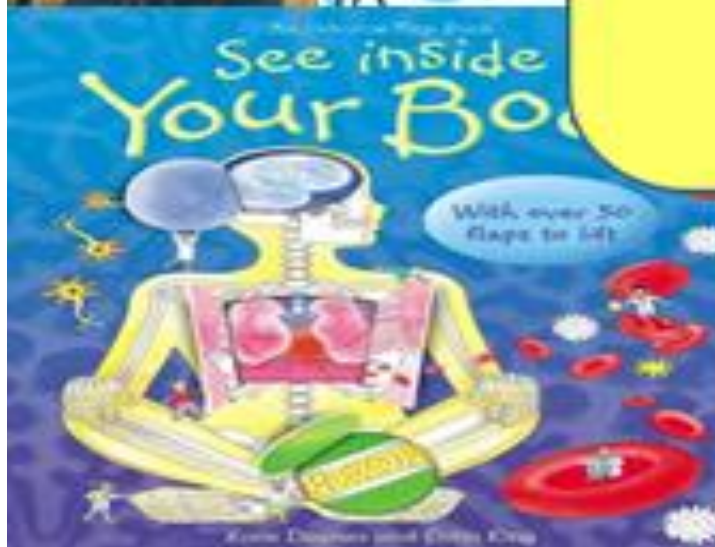


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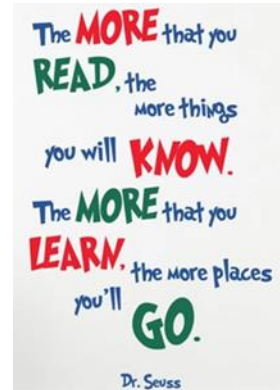
Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success

OECD 2002



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Recent research shows that parents who continue to read to and enjoy books with their children will have children who will continue to read as adults and Dr Seuss says



RfP: significant benefits



International evidence demonstrates:

- increased **attainment in literacy and numeracy** (e.g. Anderson et al., 1988; OECD, 2010; Sullivan & Brown, 2013)
 - improved **general knowledge** (e.g. Clark and Rumbold, 2006)
 - richer **vocabulary** (e.g. Sullivan & Brown, 2013)
 - supports **identity explorations** (e.g. Rothbauer, 2004)
 - encourages **imagination, empathy and mindfulness** of others (e.g. Kidd & Costano, 2013)
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The children at Queensbridge also told us reading helps them learn and is good for their mental health so in these challenging times keep on sharing and enjoying books

'it's better than television....you get to experience what's happening in your head'

'no matter how you feel, you can escape to another land'

'if I'm upset it takes my mind off everything'

'it gives you time to think...makes your mind go on...it's calming',

'I do pictures in my head'...it's something to do that is not electronics'

'it helps me to speak English'

'I learn new things and words'

'I get to know more about the world and people.'

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