



The Tyler Story

A Kids Reading to Kids Story
From Students at Tyler Elementary School

To Parents and Educators

Kids Reading to Kids® Books are designed to improve reading fluency and character development for beginning readers through grade three. They have the highest value when used in the *Kids Reading to Kids* context: beginning readers who read to younger non-readers, such as 3rd graders reading to kindergarten kids, or kids reading to younger siblings. Each book is tested and validated in the classroom by active teachers before being published. For more information on *Kids Reading to Kids* books, visit www.KidsReadingtoKids.org.

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A Kids Reading to Kids Book
My Very Own Success Story Series
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For the Kids of John Tyler Elementary School
Washington, DC





It all began in May,
when a teacher chose the kids,
of Tyler Elementary School for
Kids Reading to Kids.

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The third grade kids read stories
to the little kindergarteners
and soon became the heroes
of their younger reading partners.

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Our teacher said,
"It's great when you can read all by
yourself,
but you become a hero
when you read to someone else."

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She asked if we remembered
how we felt when we were small,
when grown ups read to us
because we did not read at all.

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When someone read a story
I would feel so very blessed,
Those moments are the moments
that I do remember best.



But now we are the older kids
and this year is our turn,
to be the kids that read to kids
and share what we have learned.
And we...



read, and we read,
and we read to our partners.
And we read,
and we read,
and each day we're getting smarter.



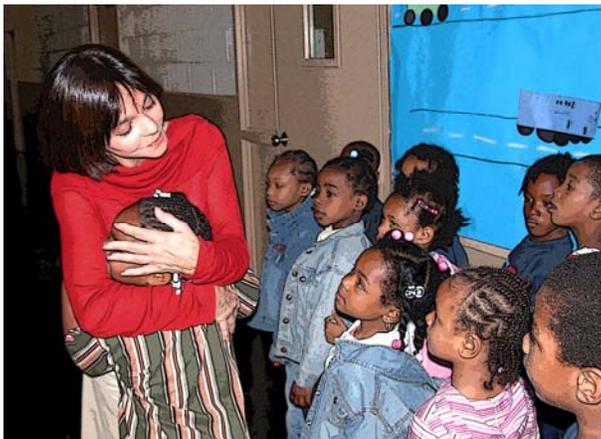
The younger kids select the books
and want to turn each page,
They want to read the way we read
when they become our age.



They listen to the words when we're
getting to this line,
they remember what they heard,
and repeat it every time!
And we...



read, and we read,
and we read to our partners,
and we read,
and we read,
and each day we're getting smarter.



Before the story's over,
I hope my mom is proud
to know her kid helps other kids
and reads to them aloud.



I know the kids are happy,
every time we read to them.
When they're happy then we're happy
so we read to them again!
And we...



read, and we read,
and we read to our partners,
and we read,
and we read,
and each day we're getting smarter.



And we read, and we read,
and we read to our partners.
And we read,
and we read,
and each day we're getting smarter.



Our teachers say this movement
could spread across the earth,
and our readers are the leaders
Because Tyler did it first!

About the Author

Norma Krasinski is the cofounder of Kids Reading to Kids. She is a national award-winning writer and producer of children's television programs, including a series that has aired successfully for more than 23 years.

About Kids Reading to Kids

Kids Reading to Kids is a national program for reading and character development. Based upon the concept that "The Power is in the Kids," Kids Reading to Kids is simply older kids reading to younger kids in a structured environment, e.g. 3rd and 4th graders reading to first graders and kindergartners, or school-aged readers reading to young non-reader siblings at home. Reading improvement is dramatic and nearly instantaneous.



Why does it work? Kids Reading to Kids creates a non-threatening, non-judgmental environment for the beginning reader where there is no teacher or peer pressure. The reader is "looked up to" by the younger child, regardless of the reader's ability. This quickly builds the reader's confidence and leads to greater reading enjoyment and accelerated proficiency. In a classroom setting, Kids Reading to Kids builds fluency quicker by providing much more reading practice than would be possible with a single reader reading aloud - and the younger non-reader quickly builds new vocabulary. Both members of the Kids Reading to Kids reading team benefit.

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