

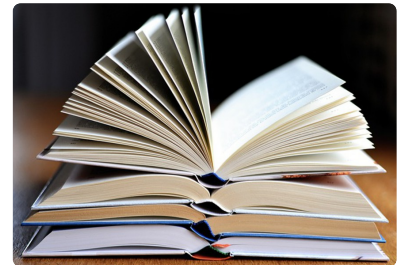
Principally Speaking

We're All in This Together

Freed From Ourselves!

Questions for you...

What is the last book you have read cover to cover? When is the last time you got "lost" in a really good book for a long period of time?



I ask these questions because we (the teachers) at Warwick have been reading through a book entitled "Reader, Come Home," a book which has challenged us in many ways. Recently we had a discussion of about one section of the book where the author contends that our lack of what she calls "deep reading" (that kind of reading where you get lost in a book) is causing us to become less empathetic towards to others. She states...

"The act of reading is a special place in which human beings are freed from themselves to pass over to others and, in so doing, learn what it means to be another person with aspirations, doubts, and emotions that they might otherwise never have known."

In other words, reading enables us to gain the perspective of others, and thus, builds empathy within us.

So what? So, what does that mean for we here at Warwick who work with your kids each day. What it means is that we want to do our part to help build empathy within your children (and ourselves).

To that end, our theme for the month of April will be empathy, and the timing is perfect because April is also Autism Acceptance Month. May we, if even for a brief moment in time, encourage our kids to see life from someone else's point of view, and as the author declares...

...be freed from ourselves!

Sincerely,

Brian A. Finger, Principal

Empathy is...

seeing with the **eyes** of another,
listening with the **ears** of another,
and **feeling** with the **heart** of another.



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