

Dear Parents and Friends,

If you are interested in Reading and Literacy, then we have an exciting day for you—Getting HOOKED ON BOOKS: About Amazing Experiences! This Family Workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Children, parents, family members and friends are invited to share an afternoon of storytelling, sign language practice, hands-on activities, and tips that empower parents as their child's most important teacher. During the first part of the workshop, adults and older children will meet with Nancy Kelly Jones; an English ASL literacy expert, Karen Roudybush; Reading Specialist, and John Gibson; ASL Teacher, to learn ways to support and encourage reading and communication. Younger children will go upstairs to The Children's Center classrooms for activities. Families and staff will share information while the children work and play with the childcare staff. Then, the children will join adults and older brothers and sisters for storytelling and activities.

At this workshop we will spotlight amazing books that encourage talking, including: *Walter Was Worried*, *There's A Fly Guy in My Soup*, *Curious George Takes A Trip* and *Amelia Bedelia Takes A Hike*. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new signs, enjoy storytelling, complete some projects with your children, and take your new skills home along with some good books to read! Don't miss this day of fun and learning with your child!

We invite you to:

- Learn new signs for reading these books
- Learn techniques you can use to enhance your child's understanding and language
- Learn strategies for reading and communication to support success
- Share and learn storytelling techniques from deaf storytellers
- Participate in family learning activities
- Enjoy snacks and socialize with other families

If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Martha Hutchinson at (412-244-4235 or send an email to mhutchinson@wpsd.org. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Please let us know how many people will be attending. This is important so we know how many books and snacks to order.

Your name _____

Phone number _____

Number of adults attending _____

Names and ages of children attending

