



## MIDDLETOWN TEACHER CENTER

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### Readers, Writers and Parents

The goal of this program is to explain, demonstrate and teach parents the processes of reading and writing so that they will have the confidence to help their children. Parents will acquire a working knowledge of the skills necessary for a child to become a successful reader and writer.

The program will consist of eight, ninety minute sessions. Parents will be asked to work with their children four to five nights per week to practice the skills learned in the sessions.

#### Program outline:

**Session 1:** Understanding the purpose of the program (using praise and encouragement, television, choosing the correct book, the 100 word test)

**Session 2:** Understanding the reading process - it's more than phonics

**Session 3:** Learn how to read again, transformations

**Session 4:** Shared Reading, silent reading, questioning for meaning

**Session 5:** Using Running Records, and ways to evaluate children's errors at home

**Session 6:** Looking at children's writing

**Session 7:** Process writing, how to help

**Session 8:** Developmental Stages of Spelling

**Instructor: Sharon Dickstein**, Recently retired educator of 39 years (classroom teacher, reading specialist, instructional leader, elementary school principal)

#### ✓ NYS Learning Standards addressed:

- **ELA1:** Language for Information and Understanding.
- **ELA2:** Language for Literary Response and Expression
- **ELA3:** Language for Critical Analysis and Evaluation
- **ELA4:** Language for Social Interaction

#### ✓ ECSDM PDP Goals addressed:

- **Goal #4:** Provide Professional Development to Respond to and Support PreK-12 Literacy

### Target Audience: Parents of Students in Grades Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1

*(Any parent with children in grades PreK-1 that is interested in helping their child gain skills to be successful in reading and writing should attend)*

**Dates:** March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** J.W. Chorley Elementary School Library  
50 Roosevelt Avenue • Middletown, NY 10940

**Fee:** No Charge

**Registration Form - Readers, Writers and Parents** - Please return this portion to the [Middletown Teacher Center](#)

This will confirm your seat in the class. Registration is limited to 30.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation notices will be sent to the e-mail address indicated above. If no email address is given, notices will be sent to the mailing address.**

**Registration deadline: One week prior to the start of the course**

Please contact the MTC if you have any questions or concerns.