**Hello Everyone!**

Spring begins this month! I love Spring! My favorite color I often see in Spring is green! There are a lot of things that are happening in March! We celebrate Women’s History and St. Patrick’s Day this month!

Remember to “spring” forward your clocks on Sunday, March 8, 2020. That means we will be an hour ahead!

We also have a special event planned. **Read Across America** on Saturday, March 7, 2020! You must register mpbonline.org/readacrossamerica to attend.

Happy Spring!
A parent-focused project that brings the family together to learn in a fun and engaging way

If you’ve ever wished for an outlet to discuss the most pressing concerns as a parent, or simply looking for the best way to help your child be more successful in school – PATT is for you!

- No cost to parents
- Six, 1-hour sessions
- Skilled facilitators from your area
- Open discussions
- Tips and resources

Family prizes!
- Each participating family will receive a prize packet at the end of the last session.
- Two families will receive a bonus prize – 40 inch television and wireless hotspot to assist with educational TV/online viewing. Winners announced end of July.

See next picture in this post for a list of participating counties and facilitator contact information

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Diverse Children’s Books About Strong Girls

By: Rachael Walker

The last time I went to the bookstore with my youngest niece, I noticed that all the books she pulled off the shelves featured female characters — A Computer Called Katherine; The Hike; Mina vs. the Monsoon. When I asked her about her choices, she told me that because she is a girl, it’s more interesting and “funner” to read about girls — especially girls who share her interests or introduce her to exciting new things. Her older sister agreed that it’s empowering to see yourself represented in a book or a video. As she put it, “When you see another girl doing something cool, you think ‘Oh, I can do that too!’”

As a parent, I want to share books with the girls (and boys) in my family that encourage their interests, introduce them to characters full of determination and strength, spark conversation about issues that concern them, and make them aware of broader issues that affect them. Here are a few titles featuring a variety of diverse girls that we’ve put on our shelves to help encourage our young readers to investigate the world, find their voice, take action and follow their dreams.

To read the full article, please visit:
https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/diverse-childrens-books-about-strong-girls