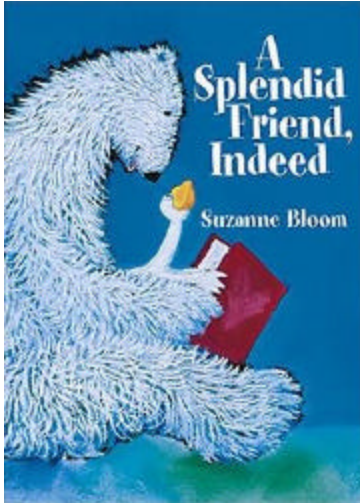


PENNSYLVANIA ONE BOOK, EVERY YOUNG CHILD

Pennsylvania is one of only three states that has initiated a one-book, one-state program to highlight the need for activities and practices that promote early literacy. This is the second year of the program.



We've chosen another wonderful book:

A Splendid Friend, Indeed

by Author and Illustrator Suzanne Bloom

Published by Boyds Mills Press, Honesdale, PA

PROGRAM GOAL:

To increase awareness among parents and the early care and education community of the need for practices that promote early literacy development:

- Reading often to children, and
- Engaging children in the story as they read it.

****Research shows that children learn more when they are actively engaged.****

Books are being sent to every licensed center and home-based childcare facility, Head Start and private preschool program in the state (**courtesy of Verizon.**) All of our public libraries will have multiple copies of the book.

We're providing activity guides with recommended activities closely aligned to the Early Learning Standards.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Author visits across the state - 20 counties in 22 days!
- Museum-developed traveling trunks of book-related puppets, games, and toys to bring the museum experience to children who otherwise could not visit one.
- Library programming for families
- Website of activities for parents and the early care and education community