

To-Go Kit: WEEK 1

Introducing

READ **squared** Habit Forming

Participate in DPL's Summer Reading programs by tracking reading and logging activity. Unlock digital badges and learning games as you complete books and missions.

- **Register online** - Go to myDPL.readsquared.com or download the READsquared app. Select "Decatur Public Library, AL" as your library
- **Complete the registration form** - (parents, register yourself first and then register your kids; under 13 years old will require parental consent)
- **Track your reading** - Earn electronic badges and prizes as you go, and a completion certificate once you've completed the program.

Parents have full access to all family accounts, reading, activity and statistics while allowing family members to have individual accounts. One-click logging provides parents with an easy way to log reading for all family members.



The app is free for both Android and iOS mobile devices.

This craft kit is inspired by Aesop's fable, "The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind" also known as "The North Wind and the Sun". In this story, the Sun and the Wind compete to see who is the strongest. Be sure to read/ listen to this book titled, "**The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind**" which is available on Tumblebooks.

Even though this version is aimed at younger audiences, it still has an important message that can be learned! Read the story to find out what that message is and write it below:

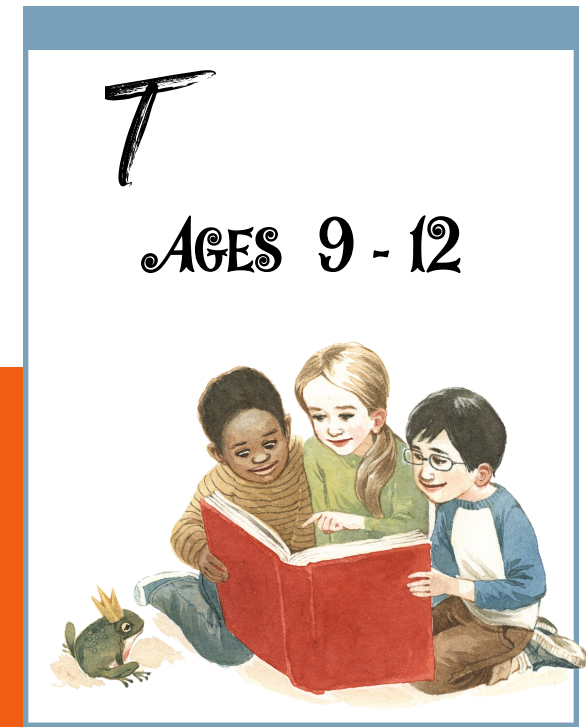
The moral of the story is

IN THIS BAG you'll find:

- Supplies and instructions for a sun catcher craft
- Paper airplane template and construction paper



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Weekly Challenge: BAKING

Challenge:

Bake pancakes in the shape of suns and clouds to illustrate the characters from the story. Use pancake mix or make them from scratch. Feel free to get creative by adding food coloring, chocolate chips or marshmallows.

Upload a picture of your baking creations on READsquared for us to share on our DPL Facebook page. Vote for your favorite picture at [Facebook.com/DecaturPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/DecaturPublicLibrary).



Image from "First Day of School Traditions" at www.livingly.com.

Take the Challenge

A STEP FURTHER:

Bake enough pancakes for your entire family for dinner one night this week. While eating at the table, retell Aesop's fable of the wind and the sun.

Things to think about...

If you were going to have a contest to test your strength, what would you do to show how strong you are?

What does the Sun mean when he says, "Through gentleness, I won my way"?

What is the moral of this story? How is the moral relevant to you?

Reading Suggestions:

The Contest between the Sun and the Wind on Tumblebooks

Check out a **collection of Aesop's Fables** from the library (we've got lots!)

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

The Wind and the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Tales of Uncle Remus: The Adventures of Brer Rabbit

Anything about ancient Greece!

Popular Expressions that came from Aesop's Fables are:

- "A wolf in sheep's clothing"
- "Pride comes before a fall"
- "Honesty is the best policy"
- "Slow and steady wins the race"
- "Taking the lion's share"

Can you think of any more?

Facts about Aesop's Fables

- Aesop is believed to have been a Greek slave who died in 565 B.C.
- All of his fables include a moral, giving the reader useful advice about something.
- Most of his stories are about talking animals.
- Best-known fable is probably "The Tortoise and the Hare".

--Facts from World Book Encyclopedia



Our Favorite Fables from Aesop:

Mary likes "The Fox and the Sour Grapes" and "The Lion and the Mouse"

Anna likes "The Ant and the Grasshopper" and "The Fox and the Crane"

What's your favorite?

BE sure to look for the challenges on the READsquared app to earn badges!

