

Kyrene Parent Network January 18, 2007 Meeting Highlights

Kyrene Parent Network had the pleasure of welcoming two great speakers this month.

Dr. Pamela Rupprecht from The Reading Clinic discussed some reasons why there are reading problems, and the process of learning to read along with the some of the steps needed to become a good reader. She encourages parents to seek help for their child if they are not responding to the reading program at their school; however there are some things parents can do at home to help the reading process along: make sure books are at the appropriate reading level to avoid frustration, have your child read aloud to a parent, and make sure they have the basic sounds down along with the rules of our language. Additional tips for helping a child improve their reading can be found on her website:

Our second guest, Paul Maryniak, is the S.E. Valley General Manager for the Arizona Republic. It was interesting to hear how newspapers are changing their focus because of the sophistication of technology and mass availability people have to get “news” in many different ways. He noted how instead of defining a newspaper in terms of the “news” it provides, “information” is now what the contents is being referred to. Mr. Maryniak was extremely responsive to our audience’s questions and their critique of the Az. Republic, and his sincerity in his responses was very impressive!