

1. All Children Can Be Able and Enthusiastic Readers

From parents in the home to the President in the White House, reading is everyone's first priority. As the President has said: "Because I believe every child can learn, I intend to ensure that every child does learn." Former Secretary of Education Richard Riley highlighted the seriousness and importance of the National reading problem: "All students will read independently and well by the end of the third grade."

Reading is a national right—the right to read. For, indeed, a child's success in school and in the world of work depends on the ability to read and read well, as well as the ability to write and write well. With this program all children will become able and enthusiastic readers and writers.

This book is dedicated to this proposition that all children have the right to read and write, and teachers and parents have the right to affordable and high quality teaching materials.

Let's get started!