

Smoky Mountain Reading Council

September 2008

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....*Jo Roper*

Welcome back to the 2008-2009 school year and to the Smoky Mountain Reading Council (SMRC)! We anticipate an exciting year of programs and projects, and we look forward to YOUR involvement in all the activities of SMRC. Please take the time to mark your calendar now in order to attend as many SMRC programs and other activities as your schedule will allow. As part of the Tennessee Reading Association (TRA) and the International Reading Association (IRA), the programs and projects of Smoky Mountain Reading Council are designed to provide teachers, administrators, curriculum facilitators, literacy coaches and interns a greater understanding of the fields of reading and language arts. Our meetings also offer wonderful opportunities to share ideas, renew acquaintances, make new friends and earn 2 hours of in-service credit per meeting! We look forward to seeing you soon and wish you the very best for the school year.

Celebrate Literacy – Be sure to include a Celebrate Literacy project for your classroom this year. What better ways to celebrate students’ writing than by having them publish their stories for others to read? Dates and deadlines for the program are to be announced.

For the Love of Reading – Do you have a few minutes to read a book to a group of children? Be on the lookout in the near future for information regarding this SMRC project.

Read to Me – SMRC partners with local businesses to encourage and promote reading by providing each Knox County preschool student with his/her own book. This project is completed in February and supports the No Child Left Behind initiatives.

Programs for 2008-2009

October 9, 2008

Speaker – Dr. Richard Allington – former President of International Reading Association
Episcopal School

6:00 PM Refreshments and Registration

6:30 PM Meeting and Program

January 29, 2009

Reading and Writing Workshops

Cedar Bluff Elementary

6:00 PM Refreshments and Registration

6:30 PM Meeting and Workshops

