

Announcing the New Report on Reading Proficiency and the upcoming Reading Proficiency Policy Forum



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## New Report on Reading Proficiency

Idaho KIDS COUNT announces a new report, [Third Grade Reading, Why Reading at Grade Level Matters](#). It covers the importance of reading proficiency and examines Idaho's progress.

## Reading Proficiency Policy Forum

Idaho KIDS COUNT is also pleased to announce the upcoming event, [Read to Learn. Read to Earn: A Policy Forum](#) on December 7th at the Boise State Student Union Building.

Idaho is dedicated to having a strong educational system that will prepare our children for successful futures, ensure economic opportunities come to Idaho, and keep our communities safe. Unfortunately, only 33% of Idaho's fourth-graders are reading proficiently, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Children who are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade often fall further behind and may never catch up.

[Idaho KIDS COUNT](#) and [Idaho Voices for Children](#), with support from the [Boise State Family Studies Initiative](#) and many other partners, invite you to a Policy Forum to discuss the evidence around third grade reading proficiency and explore ways to improve reading skills for Idaho's children. You can register for the Policy Forum at <http://readtolearnreadtoearn.eventbrite.com/>.

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