

- Literacy is by far the most important skill we must give kids and we're failing. There is no excuse for this and it's shameful. There are educators who successfully teach kids to read, even those with free and reduced lunch status- it can be done. As a former teacher I saw the wide variety in training teachers had to address the literacy needs of their students. All educators, but especially this in high-poverty schools should have access to training and support at improving literacy! - Shannon Mitchell, education advocate and former teacher