

# JUST FOR TEACHERS UPDATES



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Florida Educators,

With more than 350 million books sold, best-selling novelist and Palm Beach resident James Patterson has partnered with The University of Florida Literacy Initiative to address literacy in Florida schools. Patterson's donation of \$3 million will support literacy initiatives aimed at doubling the reading proficiency level of Florida students. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

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## TOP READS

As a high school mathematics teacher, my students often were surprised at my love of reading. I know I surprised them even more when I joined the Millionaire Club at Lennard High School in Hillsborough County. The premise of the club was for our students to read 1,000,000 words throughout the year. The reward for this feat was not only the knowledge they gained, but also was a trip to Tampa for a special meal, fit for a millionaire.

At the time, *Twilight* and *Divergent* were at the top of the students' reading lists, while mine was filled with murder mysteries and historical fiction. Regardless of the choice of books, we made a connection outside of the mathematics classroom through reading. The students also made lasting connections with each other too.

Today, *Twilight* may have run its course with high school students, but the positive effects of reading has not waived. [Business Insider](#) shared in a July 20, 2017 post, "the most successful people all tend to have one thing in common: They read."

What are your top reads? Share with the JFT Community in this short survey: <http://bit.ly/topreadsJFT>

## TEACHERS ON TWITTER



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🍀🍀🍀 HAPPY MARCH 🍀🍀🍀 The **#LuckyWeTeach** Challenge starts today!

🔔 To engage in the conversation, share your responses with the **#LuckyWeTeach**. ❤️, share, and follow other educators to grow your PLN.

# #LuckyWeTeach Challenge

- Week 1:**  
(Mar 1-3)  
How did you get so lucky to be a teacher?
- Week 2:**  
(Mar 4-10)  
Why are you so lucky to have your students?
- Week 3:**  
(Mar 11-17)  
What resources are you lucky to have in your community?
- Week 4:**  
(Mar 18-24)  
Who are you lucky to have in your PLN and why?
- Week 5:**  
(Mar 25-31)  
Name 3 resources you consider to be your "lucky charms" in the classroom.

Share your responses with **#LuckyWeTeach**.  
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*Week 1 (March 1-3):* How did you get so lucky to be a teacher? What is your educator origin story?

*Week 2 (March 4-10):* Why are you so lucky to have your students? What makes them so amazing?

*Week 3 (March 11-17):* What resources are you lucky to have in your local community?

*Week 4 (March 18-24):* Who are you lucky to have in your PLN (Personal Learning Network)?

*Week 5 (March 25-31):* Name 3 resources you consider to be your "lucky charms" in the classroom.

**We're in WEEK 2 and would love to hear from you. Join in on the *#LuckyWeTeach*  
*March Challenge* and tag [@EducationFL](#) and [@KellyZunkiewicz](#) in your posts.**