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MARCH MADNESS WITH PURPOSE

Thank you so much for being a part of the March Live With Purpose project!

Lets take a look at some facts and figures about literacy rates in Baltimore:

- Baltimore ranks 31st on a list of literate Cities in the US out of 82 cities
- 6 Baltimore schools reported 0 students ranked as proficient in either Math or Reading in 2016.
- According to the 2016 PARCC Assessment, 21.6% of 3rd graders are reading below grade level, a figure that is 2x the State average.
- An academic study from 2014 found that books in the home have a positive payoff in improved test scores throughout the world



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Jewish Connection:

In Pirke Avot we read, “one who does not increase knowledge ceases”. We interpret this to mean that continuous learning and advancement of knowledge enhances one’s person. Reading is one way that humans have educated themselves throughout time.



Reflection:

What do you love most about books?

Why do you think reading is important?

What impact do you hope these bookmarks will have on the children who are receiving them?

How does the ability to read impact a persons livelihood?

What other ways could the teaching, “One who does not increase knowledge ceases” be interpreted?

