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Message from the President

by Dee Halstead

Beginnings...what is a beginning? Every day and every year is a beginning for educators across the state of Michigan. Teachers across Michigan have begun their new school year, and I as the Michigan Reading Association president have begun to move MRA to the forefront of literacy in Michigan. To begin this process we began by “*revitalizing*” the Michigan Reading Journal. Within these pages you will find articles on research, teaching tips and positions on important legislative issues that will affect all teachers and students.



I do not know about you, but there are days when I have more questions than answers about how to teach our students, how to reach parents and how to show progress so our school is not faced with the Priority School status. I currently work in a school that is in its second year as a priority school. In my position I am constantly looking for the latest research to bring best-practice ideas to our teachers. However, being a member of MRA, I am surrounded by people who are able to give me advice when it is needed, whether be from the *Michigan Reading Journal*, the *News and Views*, or on the MRA website. As the president my ultimate goal this year is to provide teachers with the tools they need to be successful in the classroom.

I invite you to peruse this journal and soak up some of the great ideas that are being presented, and then if more information is needed on a topic please do not hesitate to contact the MRA office and let us know how we can help. That is what we are here for on a daily basis.

In addition, we have our annual conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on March 27-30, 2015; and this year will be just as exciting and thought-provoking as last year. Suffice it to say, MRA is the premier organization for literacy in Michigan, and we are here for you.

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