



Dear PA Principals Association Member,

Wouldn't it be nice to end the year with professional inspiration rather than just logistics? ("Did you finish entering your report card grades?!?")

Here is a quick and easy activity to inspire your staff to do some summertime professional reading.

You obviously know I am a big fan of the power of reading to improve your practice. So, why not make it extremely easy and attractive for your staff to pick up a professional book and discuss it with a colleague when they return after the summer break?

I've created ***a simple 3-step guide*** for you to use at a final staff meeting to get teachers and leaders excited about their own professional reading:

1. PLAN a staff meeting which we'll call a ***"Book Gallery"*** to introduce possible summer reading books. I've created a bunch of one-page mini-posters of books you can print and hang up around the meeting room like a gallery, like this one below:



The First Days of School

by Harry K. Wong & Rosemary T. Wong
This is the classic book that has helped millions of teachers start the year successfully with vital classroom management, organization, discipline, and other strategies.

You will learn...

- ✓ Why the first few days of the school year are so important
- ✓ The real reason students misbehave plus an effective 7 step approach to handling a student's misbehavior
- ✓ The key components of an effective classroom management plan
- ✓ How to maximize academic learning time by making sure the students (not the teacher) are doing the work

2. SET UP the room to get staff excited about summer books — in addition to hanging up these mini-posters, buy some copies of the books or print out my summaries so teachers can learn a bit about the books. Then have fun — go with the "gallery" theme and play some jazz and put out grapes and sparkling water.

3. HOST the actual meeting. Tell staff that the purpose is to choose a book for summer reading and a partner to discuss it with after the break. Teachers and leaders can walk the room, peruse the book options, take notes on a gallery-themed sheet like this one and decide on a book:

Instead of a book summary this month, I created materials to run this **"Book Gallery"**:

- My **3-Step Guide for Kicking Off Summertime Professional Reading.**
- My **Book Gallery HANDOUT** for staff to take notes and decide on a book.



I know this is a busy time of year, so good luck as you close out your school and plan for next year.

As always, **email me with any questions or comments**, and I'll be back next month.

Jenn