



GIFTS THAT INSPIRE FAMILY TIME IN TONGUE RIVER

# PROJECT G.I.F.T

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*"Giving the Gift of Reading in the TR Valley, One Child at a Time"*

## **What is Project G.I.F.T?**

Project G.I.F.T. was created by Tongue River Elementary School Principal Annie Griffin to get beautiful books in the hands of all Tongue River Valley children ages birth to Kindergarten. The purpose of this project is to promote reading and bonding as a family around quality, read aloud books. The books are provided via Title I Federal funds for Kindergarten and Kinder Boost students, and through local grants for birth to Preschool age children, at no cost to parents.

**Who receives books?**

*TR Valley Birth to Fifth Birthday children* - can sign up to receive a free book each month courtesy of the Imagination Library and the local Wren Foundation. (See Mrs. Griffin if you have children who are not signed up for this and fall within the required age range.)

*Enrolled Preschool and Kinder Boost children*- children involved in the Child's Place and Preschool Co-op as well as our Kinder Boost program will be presented a book (September - May). This book is read by Mrs. Griffin each month in Kinder Boost classrooms and at the Tongue River Child's Place.

*At Kindergarten Screening*-Children involved in Kindergarten screening will be presented with books, and a backpack from Project G.I.F.T. as well as reading tips to get them reading over the summer.

**What are the benefits of this project?**

Reading aloud promotes language skills and increases vocabulary. Reading aloud with your child allows bonding time that both of you can enjoy. Students who are read to enter school with more knowledge of early reading skills than students who do not. Reading to your children sets them up for success in school and in life!

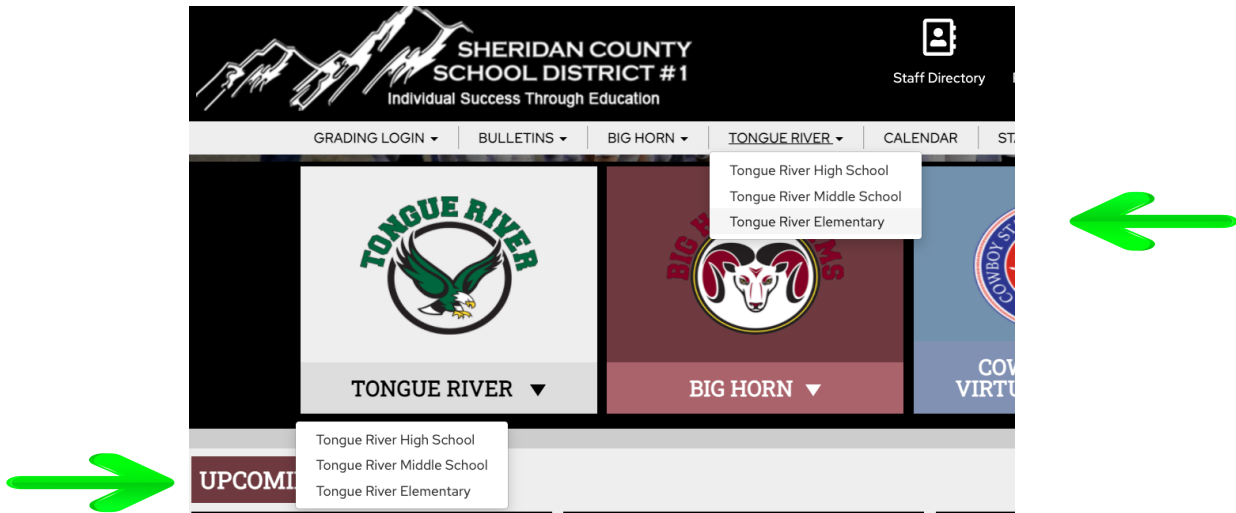
**What am I asked to do as a parent?**

Incoming Kindergarten parents are asked to read aloud to their child using these great books in preparation for school in August. See directions on the next page if you would like an example of Mrs. Griffin reading the books aloud. Starting in September, parents of preschool and kinder boost children are asked to read the books to their children, access the books on the school website and complete the paper quizzes each month with their child. When the completed quiz is returned to TRE or the Child's Place, students will get a small prize.

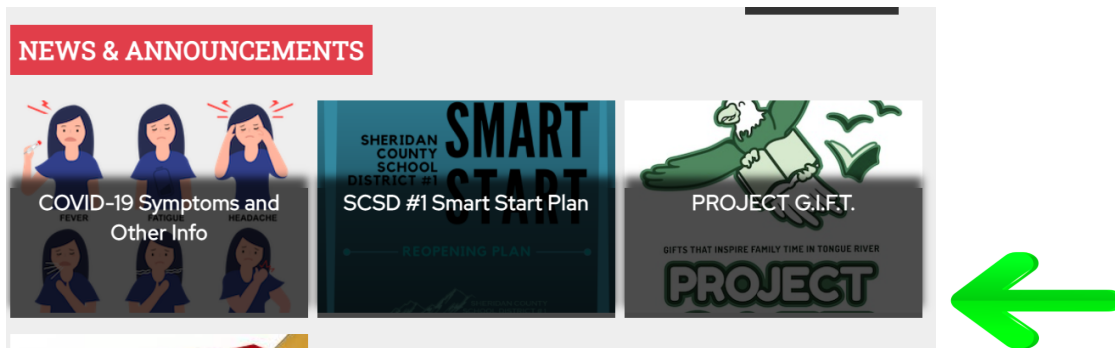
## How to listen to Mrs. Griffin reading the books from Project G.I.F.T.

Go to [www.sheridan.k12.wy.us](http://www.sheridan.k12.wy.us)

Click on Tongue River, then Tongue River Elementary.



Find the Project G.I.F.T. logo and click on it.



Find the book you are looking for and let Mrs. Griffin read to your child when you can't.

*But please remember there is truly*

*'No App to Replace Your Lap!'*

*We believe that parents are the very best teachers!*

*"Please know that we love your children and want what is best for them long before they enter our doors." -Mrs. Griffin TRE Principal*