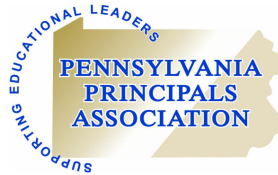


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# THE MAIN IDEA

current education book summaries

**Member Benefit**

Dear PA Principals Association Member,

One of the best things you can do as a leader is to support your teachers with their professional learning.

I know you already know this, but when your teachers learn, not only does that benefit your students, but it also keeps your teachers in their jobs longer.

Teachers need to learn and grow if they hope to hold on to their passion for teaching.

When they learn new strategies to try in the classroom and see success, this is deeply satisfying.

The summer is a perfect time for teachers to learn some great new ideas to try when they return next year. So I put together a page on my website for **"Must-Read Books for Teachers"**:

Recommended Books for TEACHERS from THE MAIN IDEA	
3 to 4 books to read on 10 important topics for TEACHERS	
Full page summaries are available for subscribers at <a href="https://www.themainidea.net">www.themainidea.net</a>	
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<b>Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Classroom Assessment for Student Learning by Rick Stiggins et al.</li><li>Classroom Assessment Techniques by Thomas Van Manen</li><li>Full On! It's Always Equal: Assessment and Grading in the Differentiated Classroom by Rick Warren</li></ul>
<b>Classroom Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The First Step of School by Henry Wong</li><li>Managing the Middle: The Teacher's Guide to Success by Tom Newell</li><li>Small Talk a Champion, 2nd by Doug Larson</li><li>Small Talk by Richard D. Wood</li></ul>
<b>Deeper Thinking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Creating Cultures of Thinking by Ron Ritchhart</li><li>The Curious Classroom by Harvey Daniels</li><li>Empire of the Mind by Barbara Blackburn</li></ul>
<b>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Culturally Responsive Education in the Classroom: An Equity Framework for Pedagogy by Adryana Hernandez</li><li>Teaching for Equity by Tom Newell</li><li>Not Apathetic, Not Fine: How to Lead Meaningful Race Conversations in the Classroom by Matthew R. Kay</li><li>Why Don't They Listen, Animate, and Obey in the Classroom? by Tom Newell</li></ul>
<b>Education Resilience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Education Resilience by Tom Newell and Amy Miller</li><li>From Burn Out to Find It by Margaret McLean-Parks</li><li>Unleash: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators by Elena Aguilar</li></ul>
<b>Habits and Organization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Atomic Habits by James Clear</li><li>The Power of Habit by Charles Duhigg</li><li>The Teacher's Toolkit by Mark W. MacLellan</li></ul>
<b>Science of Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10 Mindframes for Flexible Learning by John Hattie and Helen Stimpert</li><li>Powerful Learning: Unleash the Science of Learning by Frank Aschwin</li><li>Small Learning: Powerful Lessons from the Science of Learning by James Lang</li></ul>
<b>Speaking and Listening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Best Interest of Students by Kelly Gallagher</li><li>Small Talk with students: Conversations by Jeff Zwirner</li><li>Quality Questioning by Jackie Aron, Wade and Beth Buckert-Sellers</li></ul>
<b>Student Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Engagement by Design by Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey et al.</li><li>The Highly Engaged Classroom by Robert Marzano et al.</li><li>Leaders of Their Own Learning: Transforming Schools Through Student-Engaged Assessment by Rick Berger, et al.</li></ul>
<b>Student Well-Being</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Love at School: Why Our Kids with Behavioral Challenges are Failing Through the Cracks by Ron Gomez</li><li>Small Group Learning in the Classroom by William Glasser et al.</li><li>Reclaiming Death as Fuel by Larry Green et al.</li><li>Empowering Student Internal Growth by Richard Ross and Amy Arndt</li></ul>

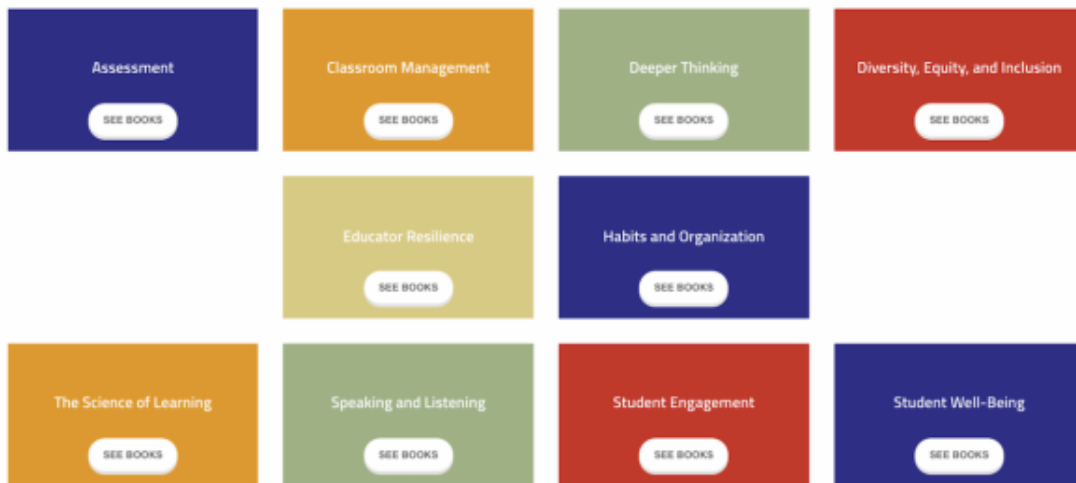


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## Must-Read Books for Teachers

Then I compiled a list of 10 topics teachers care about, and chose 3-4 books I recommend for each one:



So what can you do with all of this? You can **share the website page** with your teachers, let them choose a summer reading book, and you can buy it for them!

Or you can set up **optional book groups** of teachers who read the same book and then discuss it in the fall.

Or you can **choose a school-wide topic** to focus on and have teachers choose one of the books on that subject.

**I have 3 resources to help you with this.**  
*(Click on the links for access.)*

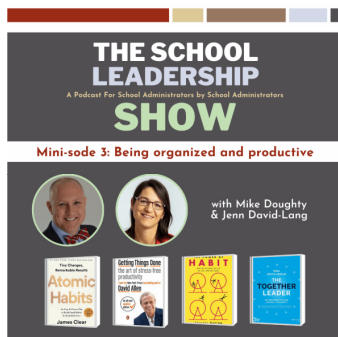
- Here is a link to the **[Must-Read Books for Teachers page of my website.](#)**
- Here is a **[1-page overview of all of the recommended books](#)** -- you can distribute this to teachers to help them choose.
- *This is NOT like me, but I made two videos* for you to show to teachers. For 2 of the topics (**[Student Well-Being](#)** and **[Student Engagement](#)**) I give an overview of 3-4 books I recommend.

I do *not like* to videotape myself, but I thought this could be useful;)

**Share the links with teachers or take 7 minutes out of a faculty meeting to show one.**

*If there's anything else I can do to support you to support your teachers, let me know. I'll be back next month.*

**Jenn**



**Want to be more organized and productive next school year but don't know where to start?**

**Podcast Conversation on Being Organized & Productive**

**You can't lead well if you don't have systems in place to be organized.**

Mike Doughty and I give you an overview of 4 excellent books that can help. Choose one to read and take a deep dive into this summer (I have **summaries of all** of these books):

- *Atomic Habits* - James Clear
- *The Power of Habit* - Charles Duhigg
- *Getting Things Done* - David Allen
- *The Together Leader* - Maia Heyck-Merlin

**Click below** to listen to the podcast:  
***School Leaders CAN Become Organized and Productive***

***How many of these books  
have you read?***

**Do you have trouble fitting in  
time for professional reading?**

**The truth is that I do, too. I get it; I'm  
with you. That's why I've created some  
strategies to ensure that I read regularly.**



**I took these strategies and created a workshop** to help you  
develop the habits and skills to prioritize your own learning.

It's free, it's interactive, and I promise you'll leave with three strategies  
you can use TOMORROW.

Join me for **my free workshop:**  
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I'm offering it twice (yes, for free):  
Wednesday, May 17 at 4pm EST / 1pm PST  
Wednesday, July 12 at noon EST / 9am PST  
Please sign up here: **[Free Workshop Signup](#)**

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**If you think reading professional books with colleagues is  
more fun, more impactful, and holds you accountable, you're  
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Think about setting up your instructional leadership team, the  
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