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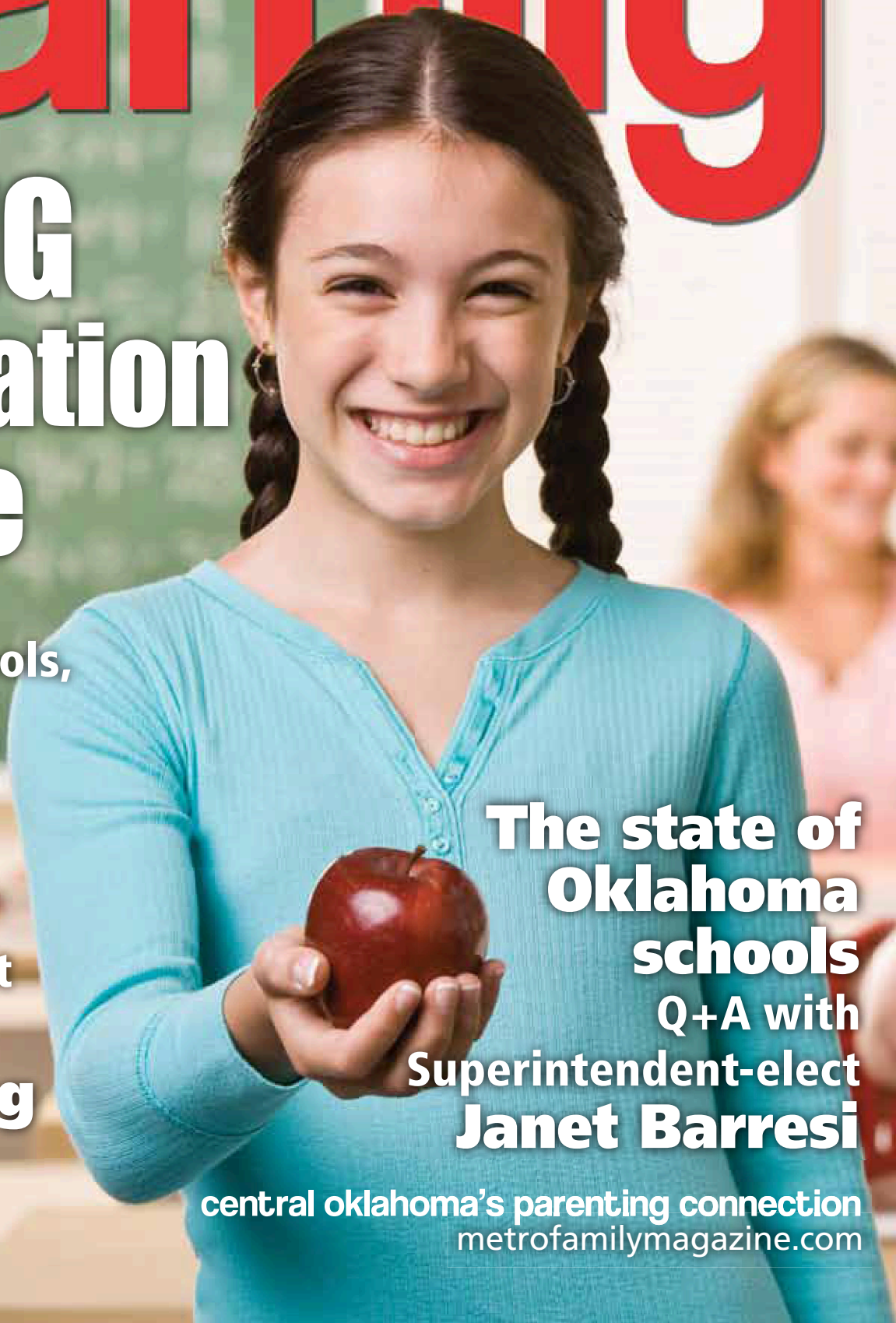
## The BIG Education Guide

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# Oklahoma Reads

## Great Reads for Everyone

### Books for Early Readers

#### **Funny Bone Readers**

by various authors & illustrators  
(Red Chair Press,  
softcover, \$24/pack of 6)

A series of books that teach important reading skills while also teaching lessons in character. Themes include fairness, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, caring and citizenship.



#### **Punk Farm & Punk Farm On Tour**

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
(Random House,  
hardcover, \$16 each)

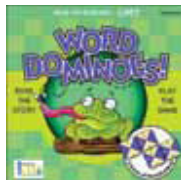
When the farmer turns out the lights for the night, do the animals go to sleep as well? Not in this author's version of a farm, where Cow, Pig, Sheep and Goat take to the stage—and then take it on the road.



#### **Now I'm Reading Games: Word Dominoes**

by Nora Gaydos, illustrated by  
Veronica Rooney  
(Innovative Kids,  
softcover book &  
domino cards, \$10.95)

An interactive reading activity featuring a storybook and letter cards that may be used to reinforce early reading skills.



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### **Stepping Stones Together Online Reading Program**

For ages 3-7  
(steppingstonesotogether.com; subscriptions, \$19.99 and up)

This personalized online reading program is designed to build your child's early reading skills. With a membership, you may download books that are selected based on your child's educational level, reading goals and basic interests. Then, using the books you've printed, you can "step through" the books with your child—first by making predictions, then by using pictures as a guide and ultimately reading the text. A fun, interactive and unique approach to reading and made to be accomplished in about 20 minutes a day.



#### **My Uncle Martin's Big Heart**

by Angela Farris Watkins, PhD, illustrated by  
Eric Velasquez  
(Abrams Books for Young Readers, hardcover,  
\$19)

The adult niece of Martin Luther King Jr. introduces him to others in this profile of her uncle from her perspective as a child. A moving and powerful view of a moving and powerful voice in American history.

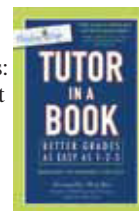


### For Parents

#### **Tutor in a Book**

by Alexandra Mayzler & Ana McGann  
(Adams Media, softcover, \$15)

A title to assist your children in excelling in the three skills most needed for school success: organization, time management and study skills. Includes an interactive tutoring program with worksheets and case studies to address common problem areas.



#### **The Five Minute Moms Club: 105 Tips to Make a Mom's Life Easier**

by Stephanie Vozza  
(Franklin Green Publishing, softcover, \$13)

Ever find yourself picking up a parenting book only to put it back down because you're convinced you don't have time to read it? This title encourages you to read a little at a time—a pocket-sized tome with bite-sized tips that will provide full-sized impact.



#### **The Call to Brilliance**

by Resa Steindel Brown  
(Fredric Press, softcover, \$18)

A powerful non-fiction book that reads like a novel and will cause you to rethink your ideas about how children learn and what constitutes success in school. How can we feed our children's minds while encouraging their natural gifts? This is a title for both parents and educators to consider.



### Grades 3 and up

#### **Native American History for Kids**

by Karen Bush Gibson  
(Chicago Review Press, softcover, \$17)

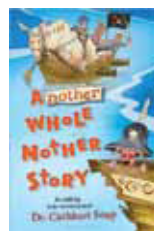
Information and activities about North America's earliest residents. Discusses the various cultures and histories of Indian tribes while highlighting their contributions to modern society. Includes photos, drawings and activities.



#### **Another Whole Nother Story**

by Dr. Cuthbert Soup  
(Bloomsbury USA,  
hardcover, \$17)

The creative tale of a man, three (relatively odor-free) children, a super-secret time machine, and their adventures back in time and around the world.



Reviews by MetroFamily Magazine editor Mari Farthing.