

If you are an elementary or middle school principal, teacher, or parent interested in increasing the amount of parent and/or volunteer participation in a classroom or school, I have a really excellent resource for you: Educating America: 101 Strategies for Adult Assistants in K-8 Classrooms by Paddy Eger, a clear expert on the matter.

—Chip Wood, Yardstick.com

Paddy Eger's new book, Educating America: 101 Strategies for Adult Assistants in K-8 Classrooms, is the best resource I've seen on this topic. It's based on the principle that one teacher cannot (and should not) meet the needs of an entire classroom full of students alone. Community and parent support are needed more now than ever, and school workers as well as corporate and community groups need to know how they can be most useful in the classroom. One of the most remarkable things about this book is its advice applies equally well to teachers, parents, volunteers, para-professionals, and other classroom assistants...

—Angela Watson author of
The Cornerstone: Classroom Management That Makes Teaching More Effective, Efficient and Enjoyable.

Adults who use this book find success when they step into classrooms. Having adults working with teachers builds a positive bridge among school, community and home.

—Phil S., Principal and Educational Consultant

This book has helped my classroom assistants be more effective working with small groups. It is beneficial to the kids, the assistants and also the teacher!

—Nanette P., Grade 3 Teacher

Educating America provides valuable information for adult volunteer training and staff development. This book provides the resources for effective training. I don't have to do all the thinking about what I should include. Paddy Eger has done it for me. She has honed in on those skills most necessary for improving student learning. I highly recommend this book!

—Marilyn M-I. Grade 6-8 Teacher and Educational Consultant

The ideas presented in this book give assistants valuable tools to use when working with students. Everyone benefits from the talents and expertise shared by adult volunteers.

—Claudia B., Principal

Wishing for this resource to have been ready three or four decades ago...but alas, now is the moment to 'grab hold' of powerful ideas and organizational momentum. Teaching and now volunteering again myself, I LOVE this book!

—Karin L. Bruck

Now that I am in the work world, my time in the 'world of children' is always a breath of fresh air, I have learned from watching teachers encourage students and manage their classrooms, and I think I'm a better parent for it. I have been privileged to see so many "aha" moments in the eyes of children and have enjoyed knowing my children's friends. It's all been time well-spent.

—Julie, Parent Assistant



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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

Parents are eager to work with students who need help or enrichment or with teachers who need help with the demands of today's classrooms. This book outlines step-by-step how meaningful work by volunteers is facilitated by teachers to benefit elementary school students. As a retired teacher, I wish this book had been available to me!

—A.N.

Educating America 101 is a well-researched and empowering book providing valuable information for the classroom volunteer.

—Houseofwords

Paddy Eger's book is a ONE OF A KIND book. Easy to read and understand, it is a perfect guide for teachers, volunteers and parents alike. Beautifully formatted, it contains reproducible graphics, charts, inventories, lesson plans, worksheets and guidelines to assist teachers and assistants as they strive to make a difference...

—N. J. Jenkins

Wow, I just learned that there is a desktop flip book to accompany the previously written classroom help book, "Educating America." This addition makes an already excellent aid for teachers and volunteers in our schools even better. Her strategies and hands-on ideas in the flip book are one more tool I wish I had while managing volunteers and professional educational assistants when I started my teaching career.

—L. B.

All elementary school teachers need at least eight hands and two brains to cope with all they have to do in their classrooms. A classroom volunteer, whether a parent or a community person, can make a huge difference to that teacher and, most importantly, to the students. Every PTA should have this book for its members who help in the classrooms, and every classroom teacher should have it too, to help them use their helpers wisely and well.

—Katie Johnson

Retired Teacher & Author of

Red Flags for Primary Teachers; Doing Words; and more

Easy read with practical easy to implement ideas. This is a great resource for volunteers as well as paid assistance in the classroom. Great reminders for all of us for questioning strategies, monitoring progress as well as how to use volunteers in our classrooms.

—DKB

Parents are eager and willing to work in classrooms, but they want to do meaningful tasks that truly help teachers and students. How to do this? This book...creates a way for the volunteer to work independently with students.

—Catherine

Forever the answer to overcrowding, vanishing budgets, and increased teacher demands has been "Get some volunteers!" Teachers and librarians know it just isn't that simple. A helpful volunteer works with clear directions, explicit responsibilities, and the expectation that he or she will also learn something. Eger's book is a practical primer for teachers and volunteers... The author apparently knows her stuff!

—Garlics



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