

Dear ESOL Contacts,

Thank you for participating in the ESOL Reading Backpack for the classroom and home. This initiative will provide instructional materials that assist teachers and parents in supporting academic language proficiency. This is an important opportunity for your 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELL students' academic success!

Here are the guidelines for the **2012 – 2013** Reading Backpacks:

**Attend** professional development training on September 26, 2012. School staff Responsible to implement the initiative needs to register at the PDS scheduler by **September 14, 2012.**

**Provide** a training meeting and resources to parents. This meeting could be a parent night meeting or a parent teacher conference.

**Send** a copy of the sign-in sheet and flyer to Doris Young by **October 31, 2012.**

**Evaluate** – Teachers need to administer the **pre-test and post-test** to measure each student's progress. Please **e-mail** the pre-test and post-test in an Excel spreadsheet to [doris.young@polk-fl.net](mailto:doris.young@polk-fl.net) by **April 30, 2013.**

**PDS Scheduler Directions:**

Go to the website <http://pds.polk-fl.net/login.asp>  
Select **ESOL - Go** and click on **ESOL Parental Involvement**  
Click on Module **Backpack**  
Click When and Where Can I Take this Class?  
Choose the class and click Register me for this class  
Enter your email address and process.