Reading, writing, and arithmetic... For generations, that's what we've been told students need. But what do they truly need to be successful in those subjects, other subjects, and life? They need strength, in all its forms.

In her work, Pam Allyn focuses on seven strengths designed to help all children, regardless of their background, become and remain successful: belonging, curiosity, friendship, kindness, confidence, courage, and hope. Pam is founding director of LitWorld, a global literacy initiative that serves children across the United States and in more than 60 countries. Her new book, Every Child a Super Reader combines research, anecdotes, activities, and advice, giving teachers the background they need to transform every student into a committed, compassionate, and resilient learner.

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A video showcasing the important work of LitWorld, Pam's global literacy initiative.

A fascinating interview with Ernest that appeared in NCTE’s English Journal

A roundup of Pam’s Huffington Post articles—a treasure trove of information and inspiration for educators everywhere.

"How Reading Made Me Strong," Pam’s essay on the mighty influence of books in her life, from Open a World of Possible: Real Stories About the Joy and Power of Reading

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