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YMCA READS!

A Literacy/Mentoring Initiative Targeting Kindergarten Through Third Grade Students

YMCA READS! seeks to close the gap in students' reading performance and the State of Florida's reading performance expectations. YMCA READS! meets the educational and developmental needs of students by providing structured and supervised services.

The materials used are based on research-based tutoring programs and encompass these principles:

SIMPLICITY

It can be taught by non-certified tutors with training and support.

SYSTEMATIC AND EXPLICIT

The curriculum teaches children to decode (read) and encode (spell) words, sentences and stories in a way that makes sense to them. Each lesson builds on the next one, and students master one level before attempting the next.

CONSISTENCY

From session to session, the level of difficulty increases; however, the instructional procedures are customizable to the child.

Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics and Sight Words — or, simply, **SIPPS** — is the core curriculum in YMCA READS! and offers a systematic approach to decoding in order to support students from grades K–12 in gaining reading fluency and comprehension. It has step-by-step routines which teach letter to sound correlations and the many words in English which “break the rules.” The SIPPS program measures individual progress of the student and allows for pacing and progression based on the mastering of specific skills.

Afterschool KidzLit is aligned with the Common Core and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards; the KidzLit curriculum helps students develop a love of reading while building comprehension skills and vocabulary.

MyOn Reader is an on-line digital library from Capstone books. Our students have access to over 1700 books online anytime, anywhere! These books are full color and students may choose to have them read to them or read them alone. MyOn Reader personalizes reading for students by recommending books based on their interests, reading level, and ratings of books they've read

A single K–12 adaptive diagnostic for reading and mathematics that pinpoints student needs down to the sub-skill level, **i-Ready's** adaptive test identifies students' strengths and weaknesses in reading while its ongoing progress monitoring shows whether students are on track to achieve end-of-year targets.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Only **55%** of 3rd grade students are reading on grade level.
- A student not reaching grade level proficiency by 3rd grade is **four times** less likely to graduate high school.
- If a student is living in poverty and not reading at grade level, then they are **13 times** less likely to graduate.

BECOME A YMCA READS! MENTOR

By volunteering two hours a week as a YMCA READS! mentor, you can teach a child to read. Work in a small group environment or one- on-one with a kindergarten to third-grade student, developing positive self-esteem and improving their academic performance. Be a child's tutor and friend, and give them the keys to a brighter future.

Choose School

- Pizzo Elementary
- Sulphur Springs K8 Community School
- Twin Lakes Elementary

Complete Applications

- Tampa YMCA
- Hillsborough County School Board

On-Boarding

- ✓ Interview with Coordinator
- ✓ New Mentor Training
- ✓ Receive Mentor Schedule