

Santa Cruz Reading Corps News



December Tutor Tasks

- Embed all 8 of the Big 5 Transition Songs into the Daily Schedule
- Reach integrity on all days of the Repeated Read Aloud
- Meet goals for ELLCO 11: Phonological Awareness.
- Use the Vocabulary and Oral Language script during tier 1 instruction
- Use writing charts created at the training (and create more)
- Progress monitor children in RTI groups every 4 weeks.
- Update the Literacy & Math Rich Schedule with the Lead Teacher, as needed
- Talk/Read/Write with children all day, every day, in all areas of the classroom

Upcoming Events:

Santa Cruz Reading Corps Potluck on Thursday, December 15th, 5:30 -7:00 p.m. at First 5. Please invite family, friends, and your teaching team.

January 13- Tutors will be at First 5 for an all-day training from 9-5. This was not on the original calendar. Thank you.

Winter Benchmark:

IGDI Integrity Checks will be done as soon as members return from the winter break. The Winter Benchmark Window is January 17th -27th.

Photo releases have gone out to sites. Please assist the tutor in having parent sign and return them by Winter Break.

The tutors have been busy these past few months! They have been building strong relationships with children and their teaching teams. They have identified children to receive tier 2 and 3 interventions and they are seeing encouraging results from the work they are doing. They consistently reflect upon their teaching, think intentionally and setting goals to implement and embed the SEEDS strategies. This month they will be supporting their teaching teams in helping to build phonological awareness through Big 5 Transition songs and other fun and meaningful activities and games. The Reading Corps manual is filled with fun activities to support this important literacy skill (pages 130-140) and these can be done in large group, small groups and during transitions.

We thank you for your dedication and commitment to the children in our community and we wish you all a wonderful winter season!

Highlights of Two of Our Reading Corps Tutors.....

Alex: I live in Boulder Creek where I am a chef at a camp for people who are developmentally disabled. I have a three legged dog named Toby who is the light of my life. I have been in the Santa Cruz Mountains for over a year and a half now, but am originally from Michigan. I am really excited for this new experience and to get to know some incredible people and learn together.



Megan: I've lived in Watsonville my whole life. I'm very close to my mom and sister and I'm excited to be getting married in August next year. In my spare time I like to read, write, color, draw, listen to music and cuddle my cat Izzy. I have Cabrillo College for 2 years with a focus on early childhood education and American sign language. I'm very excited to join Santa Cruz Reading Corps and to gain experience working with children in a classroom setting. I'm lucky to have the opportunity with Santa Cruz Reading Corps to learn about early childhood literacy and to give back in my own town.

