

February Tutor Tasks

- Update the Literacy & Math Rich Schedule with the Lead Teacher, at the winter benchmark data team meeting
- Embed all 8 of the Big 5 Transition Songs into the Daily Schedule
- Meet goals for ELLCO 18: Support for Children's Writing
- Use the Vocabulary and Oral Language script during tier 1 instruction
- Progress monitor children in RTI groups every 4 weeks.
- Talk/Read/Write with children all day, every day, in all areas of the classroom

Upcoming Events:

Winter Benchmark Data team meetings

AmeriCorps Week March 4-11th. Tutors will be engaging in service events and a celebration Potluck on March 9th.

Leadership Training on March 7th at First 5 (tutors will be out of the classroom on this day)



This is always an exciting time of year.

This is the time we get to look at the Winter Benchmark data and celebrate and make plans for the children who are still in the red in certain literacy skill areas. Your determination and eagerness to provide the very best instruction for your children is admirable. We have four months left to put children "on the road" to become effective readers and writers and your perseverance and commitment to ensure that it happens is inspiring.

The goal for the rest of the year with our Reading Corps tutors is "Give children MORE!" The operative word is MORE. This is a time to push ourselves to do more of what we've been doing and to do it in ways that are even more nuanced, individualized, and data driven so that our children get more of the good things that is more tailored to their specific needs.

I invite you all to work towards that same goal. What else can you do to do more for your children? Together with your team, look closely at your Winter data and see what roadblocks stand in your way, see what children need, and think about what tools you have that can meet those needs to scaffold not only the children in the red but all children to get the support they need to make needed progress.

"The greatest success we'll know is helping others succeed and grow." --Laurie Monopoli



Four years with the Santa Cruz Reading Corps Lead Tutor Vista Pickett



I love working with children and have a personal passion for reading which I'm very excited to share them. My inspiration to become a reading tutor came from my mother and grandmother who were both teachers and equally passionate about reading.

I'm originally from Pacific Grove and have lived elsewhere but have called Santa Cruz County home for 40 years. I am a proud grandmother of two wonderful teenage boys and enjoy spending time with my family, and friends

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<http://first5scc.org/santa-cruz-reading-corps-0>.

Our **new application** for next year's team is available at:

https://fs20.formsite.com/readingcorps/form127/form_login.html