

Santa Cruz Reading Corps News



An early learning initiative
of First 5 Santa Cruz County

January Tasks

- Winter IGDIs are coming: January 19th-29th
 - The tutors main focus during this window will be to complete the IGDl assessments
- Read Alouds and other Tier 2 & 3 interventions (when not doing IGDl assessments)
- Setting goals based on the analysis of Progress Monitoring for tier 2 & 3 groups
- Continue to update components of the LMRS, intentional teaching and entering data onto edSpring

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Measure #17 Early Writing Environment.

In order to support this measure Tutors may:

- Work with their teaching team to enhance the writing center and other centers in the classroom with materials and opportunities to motivate children to use their emergent writing skills for authentic purposes.
- Provide interesting & rotating writing implements and paper, name cards, alphabets, vocabulary cards, clipboards, question of the day, journals, waiting lists, surveys, charts, etc., to be used at large & small groups, free choice time, outside, mealtime, etc.

Upcoming Events:

Mid-February: Data Team Meetings

Martin Luther King Day of National Service- Monday, January 18th

Greetings and Happy New Year!

It has been exciting to watch all the teaching teams collaboratively work together to create literacy rich environments for the children in their classrooms! The children have been receiving strong tier 1 teaching from the entire teaching team and the tutors have been doing tier 2 and 3 interventions, to integrity, with their RTI groups. The children are joyfully and actively engaged in these interactive read alouds, as well as, visual and phonological discrimination activities. All of this wonderful learning is being supported with strong SEEDS Quality Interactions, throughout the daily schedule. It's clear that the tutors seem to have "rock star status" with the children and that the feelings are mutual.

The Winter IGDl Benchmarks will be done during the January 19-29th window. It will be exciting to see the results of all the intentional teaching by the entire teaching team! It will greatly help the tutors if the teaching team facilitates bringing the children to them for the IGDl assessments. In mid-February, we'll have data team meetings and plan for the rest of the school year.

Meet our Santa Cruz Reading Corps tutors:

Fin: "What keeps me positive is nature, my dog Jake, volunteering and walking every day. I honor the learning process and recognize that learners come with different backgrounds in terms of processing language. I feel that with guidance and support everyone can be a superb reader and go on to truly enjoy all that reading has to offer in terms of information, entertainment and the delightful magic of providing images through words."



Ross graduated from UCSC, and loves living in Santa Cruz because it inspires him to do what I enjoy most, which is take pictures. His goal is to work in social and community service, helping communities like Santa Cruz grow and thrive.



Casandra graduated from UC Santa Cruz and in her free time you might find her singing, dancing, hiking, or playing with puppies. Casandra believes that every day, we have the decision to either be positive or negative. She chooses to be positive because there is so much potential in this world and she wants to work on making it a better place for everyone.

