

# Santa Cruz Reading Corps News



## March Tutor Tasks

- Update the Literacy & Math Rich Schedule with the Lead Teacher
- Supporting small group and large group interventions
- Embed all 8 of the Big 5 Transition Songs into the Daily Schedule
- Meet goals for ELLCO 19: Environmental Print
- Progress monitor children in RTI groups every 4 weeks.
- Talk/Read/Write with children all day, every day, in all areas of the classroom

We are marching into March with 7 months of school behind us and the Spring Season almost upon us.

Now that we are more than half way through the school year tutors will give more explicit instruction in the Literacy and Math Rich Schedule (LMRS). Many children have memorized the Big 5 Transitions songs and now we want children to listen more intentionally to begin to understand the concepts of phonological awareness.

### Literacy tutors will be working on

#### ELLCO 19: Environmental Print this month:

Just a reminder that if you would like to score a 5 which is the highest rating in ELLCO, than you would need 6 or more examples of environmental print routinely used in the daily schedule. If you have not had a chance to really look at the ELLCO and talk about it as a team, now is a good time to review it and become more aware of the contents that support literacy in your classroom. The tutor's PreK Goal Setting Book Calendar is a resource for activities to support your ELLCO scores in the Spring. The tutors also recently received copies of the classroom's Pre-ELLCO to review and to share. Happy reading!

## Meet our Reading Corps tutors



**Michael:** *I joined Santa Cruz Reading Corps because reading, writing, and speaking encourage healing, advocacy, expression and imagination in ourselves and in our communities. I am from New Hampshire but I have been living in California for seven years in both Oakland and Santa Cruz. My favorite thing is to be transported in the imagination through books or through story telling. Lately, my biggest inspirations are Cornel West and Gertrude Stein. Both are bold spirits who have enlarged my heart and mind. They are examples of how the act of reading, writing and speaking can illuminate the world.*



**Whitney:** *I've been a reader my entire life and I can't imagine life without a good book. I feel lucky that I've always been able to read well and I understand now that this is thanks to many teachers in my past who helped me learn. I'm happy to return the favor now. I grew up in the Bay Area and enjoy hiking and mountain biking and plan to explore the beautiful mountains and coastline. I am a professional whitewater raft guide and love being in and around water. I am inspired by the strength and flexibility of water.*

