



THE READ ALOUD MENTORING PROGRAM - HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Once a week (or every other if you are alternating) you will be scheduled for a read aloud session.
 - You will be greeted by Read to a Child's Program Coordinator, be directed to your reading space, and read aloud to the same student throughout the school year.
 - You will choose a preferred reading day from available options. Reading session days and times will be determined according to student schedules. There may be some limited schedule choice and flexibility for mentors.
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PROGRAM POLICIES

- ◆ **Be reliable and maintain a regular schedule, committing to the same time every week until the end of the school year.** *Students who are disappointed by inconsistent volunteers may have difficulty behaving or paying attention and are much less likely to benefit from the program. Please consider your ability to commit before you agree to volunteer.*
- ◆ **Contact your Program Coordinator with plenty of time if you must cancel your session and give notice if you must withdraw from the program.** *We understand that unexpected things happen, but a child will be counting on you. Be sure to contact the Program Coordinator with as much notice as possible if you cannot make your session. If you need to resign from the program, please notify Read to a Child with anticipation to ensure proper closure with your student. The positive impact of our program depends on good communication and sound closure between student and mentor.*
- ◆ **Only see your student at school during the Read Aloud Mentoring Program.** *For the protection of students, mentors and Read to a Child, contact between mentors and students outside of scheduled reading time is not permitted, including during summer break and after the student graduates from the program. Please do not share or exchange contact information with your student.*
- ◆ **Read only to your assigned student.** *It can be confusing for other students and disappointing for your assigned student if you read to another volunteer's student, especially if this means reading to more than one student at a time. The one on one relationship that develops between mentors and students is an important aspect of our program's success. For this reason, we will not match your student with another volunteer when you are absent.*
- ◆ **No photographs, recordings, or screenshots.** *For the safety and privacy of our students and their families, mentors are not permitted to photograph, record, or take screenshots of their students at any time. Throughout the year, staff, partners, or media may do so for publicity or programmatic purposes with explicit permission from parents/guardians.*