



Energizing Education

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What Parents and Mentors Are Saying About EE:

“My student is reading much better than when we started and seems to enjoy the 1/2 hour together.”

“I did not expect how much fun it would be to work with the students each week and watch how much they grow in a short period of time. My time with the Energizing Education program is something I constantly look forward to.”

“[My daughter] enjoys reading/me reading to her more and can describe parts of the book and interacts more while I read with answering questions.”

What do you like about coming down to the EE Room?

“Sitting in this chair, and me and you read together and work together.”

A Special Visitor!

On April 17, the Energizing Education After-School Program received a special visitor. Mr. Paul McCormick, known best as “The Critter Guy” dropped by with some of his furry, feathered, and scaly friends.



Students at the program have been reading many zoology related texts, and were excited to be able to get a real life look with hands-on experiences with frogs, snakes, birds, and even a rabbit! Thanks for coming in Mr. McCormick!

VOLUNTEER TRAININGS TBA FOR NEXT YEAR

Vote for Energizing Education!

Energizing Education is seeking a Love Your Community grant from the Jackson Community Foundation! Grants will be awarded to entries with the most Facebook ‘likes’. Please visit Jackson Community Foundation on Facebook to vote for our Readers Are Leaders 7 Habits Garden so we can spruce up Frost with a new garden!

Voting runs from noon April 29th until noon on May 10th.



Mentor Spotlight



Name: Teresa Walters
Business: Retired from The Michigan Coalition of Schools

Why did you volunteer?: As a member of the Women’s Leadership Council, I heard about this volunteer opportunity at a monthly meeting. I wanted to work with children. I have free time now that I’m retired and I want to be involved with projects where my volunteering can maybe make a difference for someone.

How has your experience been so far?: I work with a kindergartner and a 2nd grader, both boys. I know I’m having fun and I hope they are starting to like to read.

Why is reading important to you?: Reading is the basis of everything that we do in life. We have to be able to comprehend what we read, in order to complete everyday tasks and to be successful in our work careers.

Favorite Book Growing Up: Laura Ingalls Wilder series of books “Little House on the Prairie”, etc.

Favorite Novel Now: Don’t really have one favorite book. I read all types of fiction and non-fiction books. I have a Samsung tablet so I check out and download books from the Jackson County Public Library System all of the time.



Dates to Remember!

On April 30th, CP Federal will be sponsoring our April Family Night Event “CINCO DE MONEY” at Frost Elementary School!

On May 2nd, the after-school program will be going on a field trip to Potter Park Zoo!

Mentors, students, and committee members are invited to join us for our Mentor/Student Appreciation Picnic May 8th at 11:10 AM in the Frost Courtyard!

The last day of the Energizing Education After-School Program will be May 9th.

In-school tutoring will continue until May 31st.

Data Corner

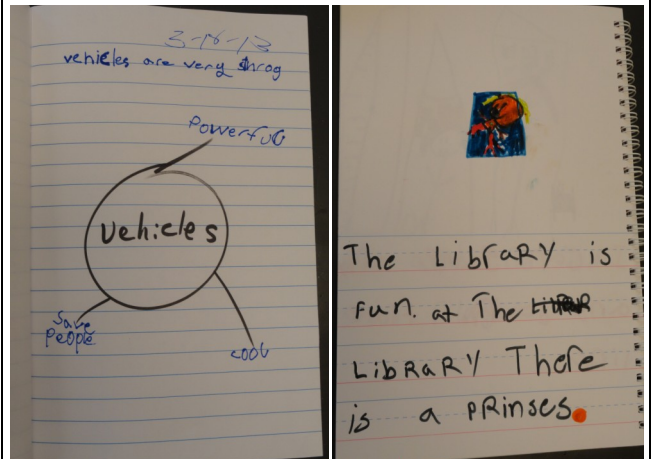
In one classroom, all of the students seen by tutors have increased test scores in Accelerated Reader!

4 students have been regularly seen twice a week since the first week of the program:

- One has seen **five** levels of growth and now **exceeds** expectations for end of the year reading level.
- One has seen **three** levels of growth and now **meets** end of the year expectations for end of the year reading level
- One has seen **two** levels of growth and now **meets** end of the year expectations for reading level.
- One has seen **two** levels of growth and is **approaching** end of the year expectations for reading level.

Minutes Read
April: 1695+
Total: 6200+

Student Journals



Frogs
Dots and buggy eyes
Lilly pads behind
Excited
Because
They are wet

By Jacob
After reading How Tadpoles Become Frogs

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To volunteer for next school year:

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