



# Energizing Education

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## VOLUNTEER TRAINING DATES

**March 4**  
**Frost Room 38**  
**11:00AM-12:30PM**

**March 11**  
**Frost Room 38**  
**8:00-9:30 AM**

**March 19**  
**Frost Room 38**  
**4:00-5:30PM**

**March 25**  
**Frost Room 38**  
**11:00AM-12:30 PM**

## Keeping the Charge After School!

As the school bell rings at the end of the day, most teachers see their kids off to the bus and return to empty classrooms to prepare for the next day. For a few preschool teachers, however, the day is not over yet. Teachers Alli Sudborough and Yvonne Parker, along with teacher's assistant Wendy Hull, lead the Energizing Education After-School Program at St. John's United Church of Christ, providing Frost students with additional literacy support in a fun after school environment. We're lucky to have such excellent educators dedicated to the EE program.

### Yvonne Parker

20 years teaching experience

**Interesting Fact:** I love Science, so the Zoology curriculum we've been using is right up my alley.

**Favorite Children's Book:** Love You Forever.

### Why is reading important?

As the old adage goes -first you learn to read and then you read to learn. Your ability to read will be a foundation for your everyday living. Reading encompasses everything... Reading is a way to visit other countries, times or places, catch a glimpse of someone else's perspective or just learn something new.. [This is] an age where information is abundant -not being able to read and comprehend the information will be detrimental to them.

### What has been the most rewarding part so far?

I have enjoyed getting to know the children. I think I benefit just as much when they succeed as they do.

### Alli Sudborough

First year teacher

**Interesting fact:** Pickles are one of my favorite foods.

**Favorite Children's Book:** Llama Llama Misses Momma

### Why is reading so important?

Reading is important to me because it is a great way to use your imagination. It gives you the opportunity to learn about new places, people and ideas that you may not know about if you didn't read it in a book.

### What has been the most rewarding part of the program so far?

Seeing the younger kids get into the read aloud books. They are really enjoying the stories and retelling facts about the stories. They are developing their comprehension skills on a daily basis.



## Mentor Spotlight

**Name:** Amy King

**Business:** CP Federal Credit Union

**Why did you volunteer?:** I volunteered for Energizing Education because I am all about making a difference in the lives of our youth in any way that I can. Frost Elementary is very close to my heart. I have seen a great change occurring since the implementation of the Leader In Me program.

### Why is reading important to you?:

Reading is important because it opens the mind to new adventures. It can take you on amazing journeys as well as teach us so much about so many different things.

**How has your experience been so far?:** My tutoring experience has been extremely rewarding. I look forward to the time I get to spend with [my student]. We have become fast friends. I have already seen a great improvement in his reading.

**Favorite Book Growing Up:** My favorite book growing up was "Where the Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein. I have always loved rhymes and poems and I love to laugh. I admired Shel Silverstein's sense of humor and the pictures were great too!

**Favorite Book Now:** My favorite book now, as an adult, has to be the Bible. The Bible is one book that tells us great stories while teaching valuable lessons required to live a prosperous and happy life.



## A Sweet Family Night

Energizing Education students, along with their families and mentors, had a sweet night at St. John's United Church of Christ on February 20th. The event was based around Curious George and the Chocolate Factory. Students heard the story read aloud, made a bar graph about their favorite candies, wrote poems about chocolate, and watched a video on how local chocolatier Gilbert's chocolate makes their own sweet treats! To top it off, families enjoyed a great dinner, complete with a chocolate fountain provided by Gilbert's!



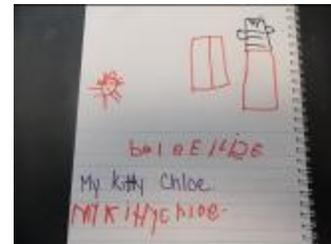
Join us for our next family night for all Frost families at Jackson District Library March 20th!



## Reading and Writing Go Hand in Hand

Contributed By: Asa Fleming  
Literacy Specialist

The task of early readers is to make sense of our language and young children do so by employing similar strategies in both reading and writing. As children read, they search for information in the text, they monitor for meaning and they correct errors along the way based on what they see, the experiences they've had, and what they know about our language. As they write, they draw on their personal experiences and use their knowledge of language, and their knowledge of how writing in the books they read, sounds. This is why, in the EE Literacy Lounge, every student has a writing journal and tutors guide students to link their writing to their reading. Practicing reading makes a better writer and practicing writing makes a better reader.



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade

## Data Corner



- We have 24 students enrolled in the Energizing Education After-School Program!

Minutes Read  
January: 610  
February: 1820

- 30 mentors have been matched with 27 students to read together during the day!

### Literacy Lounge Mission Statement

The Energizing Education Literacy Lounge seeks to create a cool place where tutors and students hang out together and become friends; where students read "just right" books, write about reading, and grow into serious bookworms.

### Find out more!

<http://energizingeducationjackson.org>

or

[www.facebook.com/energizingeducationjackson](http://www.facebook.com/energizingeducationjackson)

To volunteer: Contact Melissa Laird at 517-784-7181 or [mlaird@bbbsjackson.org](mailto:mlaird@bbbsjackson.org)

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