



Energizing Education

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What Mentors are Saying About EE

“This was the best volunteering experience I have ever had.”

“I noticed a huge improvement on our last session - [my student] just seemed more confident and picked out a book that was longer than she was used to reading.”

“I feel like [my student] is more excited to read now and more confident.”

“I liked being involved and helping others, I do feel more connected to the community now.”

“I've always been involved with my community but this opportunity has provided me with a better understanding of the educational challenges our community faces.”

9135 minutes read in EE this year!

EE Students' Scores on the Rise

With final tests scores and reading levels reported for the year, Energizing Education is showing early positive results from the first five months of the program pilot at Frost Elementary. Every student paired with an EE tutor improved in reading level, and EE students' average

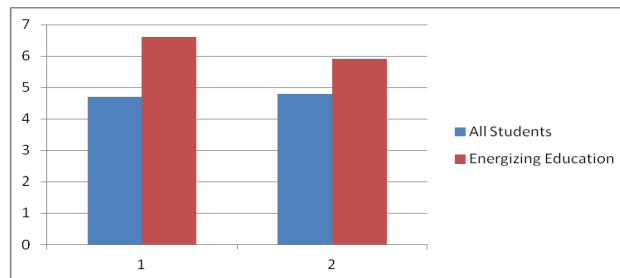
improvement was higher both in reading levels and NWEA scores! We are excited to see students' continued progress as we look to our first full school year with the program this fall, as well as its expansion to Michigan Center and other Jackson County schools!

The Power of Play!

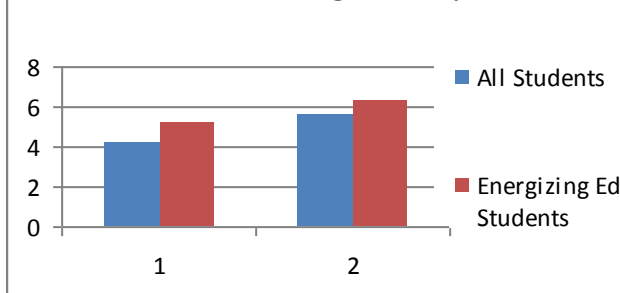
Our Burning Through the Pages summer programming kicked off to a great start with our first summer family night, The Power of Play! Families learned about one of the many ways reading is incorporated into fun activities, this time with board games. Every child had the opportunity to make a board game of their own, and every family went home with a new game, as well as a book for each child attending! One family even won a raffle for a \$50 Meijer gift card! Join us for our next family night, Mystery Night, on July 9th, as well as the rest of our family nights this summer!



NWEA growth, by Grade



Fountas & Pinnell growth, by Grade



Mentor Spotlight



Name: Emma Sykes

Business: Student at Jackson Community College

Why did you volunteer?: I wanted to help somebody and try to make a difference in someone's life, no matter how small of a task I had to do. I've always liked reading and writing, so volunteering was the perfect thing to do to help.

How has your experience been so far?: It's been great! The first day I came in to meet Yesenia she was very quiet and didn't say much but that quickly changed. Now she talks a lot

and tells me all about her day and what's going on. I look forward to coming in every time and I'm going to miss it when the program is over.

Why is reading important to you?: Reading is important to me because it helps you learn so many things. You might find a word that you didn't know before and add it to your vocabulary. Reading makes you curious, it makes you want to know why a character did something or makes you wonder what happens after the story ends. Reading is a good escape from reality.

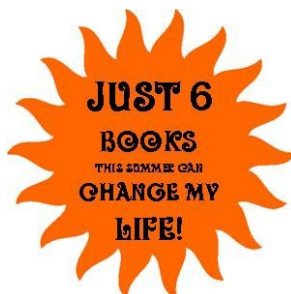
Favorite Book Growing Up: No, David! by David Shannon

Favorite Novel Now: The Hunger Games series

Fall Volunteer Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
8/13	1:00-3:00 pm	Imagination Library	United Way Conference Room A 536 N Jackson St, Jackson, MI 49201
8/14	4:00-6:00 pm	EE Tutor	Community Action Agency 1214 Greenwood Ave, Jackson, MI
8/19	8:00-10:00 am	Imagination Library	UW Conference Room A
8/20	1:00-3:00 pm	EE Tutor	UW Conference Room A
8/21	4:00-6:00 pm	EE/Level 2 for Trained Tutors	CAA Conference Room
8/22	10:00am-12:00 pm	EE Tutor	UW Conference Room D
8/26	10:00am-12:00 pm	EE Tutor	Reynolds Hall 522 Wildwood Avenue, Jackson, MI
8/27	1:00-3:00 pm	EE/level 2 for Trained Tutors	Reynolds Hall
8/28	4:00-6:00 pm	EE Tutor	CAA Conference Room
9/3	1:00-3:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38
9/4	4:00-6:00 pm	EE/Level 2 for Trained Tutors	Frost Room 38
9/5	8:00-10:00 am	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38
9/9	11:00am-1:00pm	Imagination Library	CAA Conference Room
9/10	1:00-3:00 pm	EE/Level 2 for trained tutors	CAA Conference Room
9/12	4:00-6:00 pm	EE Tutor	Reynolds Hall
9/19	9:00-11:00 am	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38
9/23	8:00-10:00 am	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38
9/25	3:00-5:00 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Room 38

Burning Through the Pages! Summer Family Nights



July 9: Mystery! 5:30-7:30

Come and solve a mystery or two...we'll do a 'murder' (no actual or pretend murders) mystery party, scavenger hunts and more! (Parkside)

July 23: Comedy 5:30-7:30

It's all a laugh! Learn some jokes, play with riddles, perform a skit, watch some comedy classics! (Frost School)

August 4: Jackson County Fair

Tour Time TBA

We'll tour the barns and educational sites at the fair! After the event, you're free to explore the fair on your own. (Fairgrounds Ganson St. Gate)

August 20: Pool Party 5:30pm

Let's CELEBRATE! You read all summer long, now it's time to party and play in the pool! (Parkside)

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