



# Energizing Education

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## What Teachers and Mentors Are Saying About EE:

“My students look forward to their Reading Mentor, so this alone has had a huge impact on the child who wants to go and read. Knowing that the child is finding a love for reading each week is immeasurable!

“So rewarding. I didn't realize that my student would be excited to see me and ask when she would see me again.”

“The change that I'm seeing with the extra time spent working on reading is that [my students] are picking up books and reading. I'm also finding that several of my students fluency rate is increasing.”

### My Favorite Things about EE Time

1. Finding Waldo
2. Sitting on the bean bag chair .
3. Reading.

-2nd Grader

## March is Reading Month!

March is National Reading Month! In celebration students (and Literacy Mentors) enjoyed Spirit Week March 18th-22nd. Students' shared reading time with books to go along with each days' theme.

### Monday– Hat Day

To kick off spirit week, students and mentors celebrated the theme “Hats off to Books” by wearing their favorite hats to school and reading books like Caps for Sale in the Literacy Lounge.

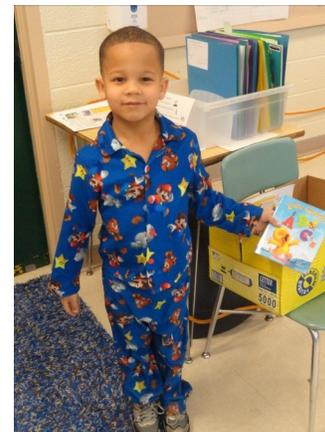
### Tuesday–Funky Sock Day

Students found that “Reading Rocks Your Socks” as they donned their funkiest socks for the day. In the Literacy Lounge, students read Dr. Seuss' famous Fox in Socks with their mentors.



### Wednesday– Tie Day

On Wednesday, students were encouraged to “Tie into a good book,” whether it be with a hair tie, a bow tie, or a necktie. The Literacy Lounge even saw one bolo tie!



### Thursday–

### Slippers and PJ Day

Thursday, the school planned to “Slip into a Good Book” as they wore their slippers and pajamas to school and spent a half hour reading in the hall in the morning. In the Literacy Lounge, a few students read bedtime stories with their mentors.

### Friday–

### Bring a Beach Towel and Sunglasses

Friday, Frost students were ready to “Dive into a Good Book” as they brought their beach towels and sunglasses to stretch out and read. In the Lit Lounge, books such as Tar Beach and nonfiction books on sea creatures were available for mentors to read with their students.

## Mentor Spotlight



**Name:** Tom Freeman

**Business:** Retired (Consumers Energy)

**Why did you volunteer?:** I wanted to build into a young persons life by mentoring and did not want to waste my retired time.

**Why is reading important to you?:** Reading is very important to the learning process. When I was growing up I did not do much reading. As a result school was hard for me. When I started to enjoy reading, learning came easier!

**How has your experience been so far?:** I have enjoyed my time with [my student] and hope he is absorbing the experience.

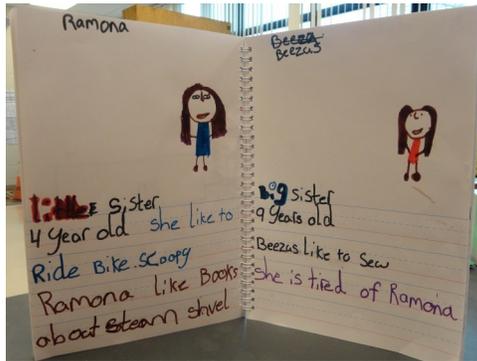
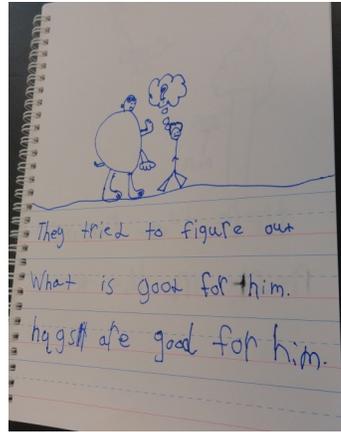
**Favorite Book Growing Up:** Curious George

**Favorite Novel Now:** Historical fiction, the Richard Bolitho novels by Alexander Kent

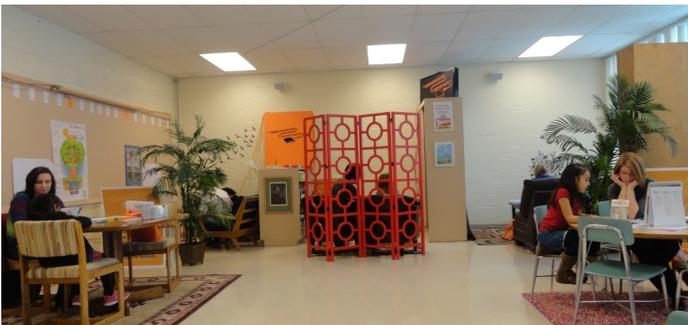
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## Student Journals



## Data Corner



- A big thank you to the Jackson District Library and Sara Tackett for their donation of three boxes of books to the Literacy Lounge!
- We have 37 mentors working with 33 students in the in-school program!
- We now have 10 volunteers assisting teachers with the 23 students in the after-school program!

**Minutes Read**  
**March: 2075+**  
**Total: 4505+**

## Family Night Lights Up Jackson District Library

On Wednesday, March 20th, Jackson District Library's Carnegie Branch opened its doors to Frost families only for a night of literacy-based fun at the EE Family Night Carnival.



Students and their families were sent on a scavenger hunt through the library, stopping at stations with activities like a book walk, story time with Judy Krasnow, exploring Tumblebooks, and a search for award winning children's books. As they went along, students earned rewards of cotton candy and caramel corn, ending the night by selecting a book to take home. We are so appreciative of the great partnership between Energizing Education and the Jackson District Library. We and look forward to our upcoming Family Fun Night

sponsored by CP Federal Credit Union, at Frost Elementary on April 30th! 5-7pm.



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