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Lois' Corner!

Energizing Education always wants to make sure that when our mentors sign up, they feel prepared to go into the school buildings and read with students. To ensure this happens, we provide a one and a half hour literacy training provided by our Literacy Specialist. During this training mentors receive tools and tips to help them work through a 30 minute lesson plan with their students. Because this training only happens once, several times throughout the school year, we provide short videos that are shared with our mentors and on our [website](#) of helpful topics to keep in mind while they are mentoring. Some topics we have covered are using magnetic letters, encouraging independence, the importance of daily writing, and how to respond when a student doesn't know a word. I helped with our latest video covering the lesson plan and it will be available in the beginning of February. If you haven't done so yet, please take the time to watch these videos, as they can be great little reminders when reading with students.

Energizing Education

Arnold Elementary School

Energizing Education Gets Ready for More Fun in 2018

Energizing Education is excited and ready to bring a lot more fun to students and their families for the last half of the school year. In our Energizing Education literacy lounge, we are seeing progress every day. Mentors are doing everything to help their students feel more confident with reading and writing. Students are moving up reading levels and their journal writing is improving little by little each week. This growth is something we hope is translating into their work in their classrooms and that their families are noticing an improvement at home as well.

In just the first trimester, Arnold students have read with their mentors for 249 sessions and a combined total of 5,447 minutes. These numbers in addition to the smiles we see and the things we hear from our mentors is a reminder to us how important our work is and why we continuously strive to improve our

program. Students are so excited to read with their mentors each week that they make sure everyone knows. They ask their teachers if they "get to go read today," ask our Site Coordinator when they pass her in the hallway if their mentors are here, and they even tell their parents about the things they talk and read about with each other. We are so lucky to have the mentors that we do from the community and are appreciative of their commitment to EE and their students.

In addition to more family nights at the schools, more exciting things to look forward to this year are the big night at the Michigan Theatre and our end of year Mentor Appreciation brunch. Although it's early in the year, we already know there will be much to celebrate.

Keep following us on social media and checking our website to stay in the loop about all exciting things EE!



See back for student answers

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Carol Badgley
Business: Retired RN

Why did you decide to become a volunteer?
My mother was a teacher and she taught me the importance of reading well. And I love children.

What do you like about mentoring with your student? Being with a child and helping him/her discover the wonders of reading.

Favorite childhood book: Horse stories.
Favorite book now: Jane Eyre



February Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
February 1	2:00-3:30 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C
February 5	9:00-10:30 am	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C
February 13	10:00-11:30 am	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C
February 21	2:00-3:30 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C

Contact Charlie at energizingeducation@uwjackson.org to sign up

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Leigna Wersen-Badgley
Grade: 1st

What is your favorite thing to do each week with your mentor? I love to read and do word work with Mrs. B.

Where is your favorite place to read a book? I like to read in the green chair in EE and at home I like to read in my bed.

What things do you enjoy reading the most about? Puppies and vampires without polka dots. I don't like polka dots.

Who was your favorite character in a book you read and why? Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots



Literacy Tip of the Month

Start the New Year with your literacy goals in mind

Strive to read 20 minutes each day! No matter where or when, it's important for children to get in reading time. Be a reading role model yourself. Make sure your children and grandchildren see you reading too. Whether it's directions for a recipe, a book, or a magazine. Let them know you can read many different things.

Mark your calendars!
Join us for our Chocolate Family Night at Arnold on February 8th from 5:30-7:00 pm!

It's going to be a deliciously fun time!

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Looking for something to keep you busy during the month of February? Bring your doll and dress up for the "American Girl Tea Party". A social gala taking place on Saturday, February 9th and 10th. Please call the Carnegie Library to register. Throughout the month, we will also be holding story times for various ages. Call us for more information at (517)-788-4087 (ext. 1331). Also, check out our website at www.myjdl.com for other events and to find more great programs at our branches. Hope to see you at any of our locations.

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