

Putting children, either as tutors or tutees, on the line in a safe and supportive environment helps turn students into active and independent learners.

—At-risk Facilitator

We have found that attendance has a direct relationship with the program. School attendance has risen for the Reading Together students due to a desire and/or feelings of belonging.

—Middle-school Coordinator

The most beneficial effect I have seen is the peer relationships that have developed. Tutors must discipline their tutees in their own way, which I believe opens the doors for reciprocal respect.

—Middle-school Coordinator

Our grades speak for themselves. Our STAR, QRI, Running Records and SAT scores are remarkable. Last year was our first year. I had a problem locating a cooperating teacher. After the results were posted, teachers were beating down my door."

—Elementary-school Coordinator

Great content! Connects to our standard course of study.

—Elementary-school Coordinator

Our principal expects Reading Together to be a strong component of his total efforts to bring students up to grade level in reading.

—Elementary-school Coordinator

Parents and children stated that the time they worked together became sacred time that they both looked forward to. They explained that the structure the program provided allowed them to have one-on-one tutoring time that was non-stressful and safe for the child. The structure and teaching tools also took away some of the 'mystery' of teaching reading for the adults.

—Elementary-school Coordinator, Family Mentor Program

Phase II really encourages students to think while reading. I think this might be the most beneficial part of the program for tutors and tutees.

—Elementary-school Coordinator, ESOL

Students were transferring the skills they learned to other reading as well. They would scan books, predict what they would be about, and retell every time they read. Students were recognizing the skills necessary for comprehension and applying them at other times.

—Elementary-school Coordinator

I am extremely impressed with Reading Together's family tutor program. I firmly believe that an essential key to closing the achievement gap is through programs like this one that provide parents with the tools they need for helping their children.

—Elementary-school Coordinator, Family Mentor Program

The program seems to be well researched and effective over a period of time.
—Elementary-school Coordinator

The books are well chosen. The activities are also easy to implement. The phases are well aligned. They progress easily from one phase to another.
—Elementary-school Coordinator

The program content has been well thought out. Implementing the program has been smooth and easy for the students.
—Elementary-school Coordinator

I saw a great improvement in the second graders' skills at retelling. The students who were in Reading Together began sharing these comprehension skills with other students in their classroom.
—Elementary-school Coordinator

The books in the kits are great and the variety of the selection is perfect. The kids seem to be enjoying them.
—Elementary-school Coordinator

It is a wonderful program. We enjoy facilitating it. The students are gaining confidence in their reading.
—Elementary-school Coordinator