

Proof of Success

As a 2007 UCLA Research study on Ready, Set, Read! has proven, our program indeed works!

After a Ready, Set, Read! workshop:

- More than 90% of parents understood the connection between reading and their children's future success;
- Parents' confidence and mastery of techniques for reading to their children improved;
- Parents left workshops with at least one or more valuable strategies or beliefs about reading to their child;
- 97% of 221 survey respondents commented that they learned something new during the parent workshop.

Donations

Please help Ready, Set, Read! continue to deliver critical resources to the families most in need. Donations of any size make an immediate impact and are tax deductible.

- \$50 gives a preschool level book to 15 families to read at home;
- \$100 brings a parent educator to a school to conduct a read-aloud workshop;
- \$350 provides a lending library for one preschool classroom and ongoing benefits for those children and families for years to come.

Through our affiliation with Community Partners, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), donations can be made online at : www.communitypartners.org

Please make checks payable to:

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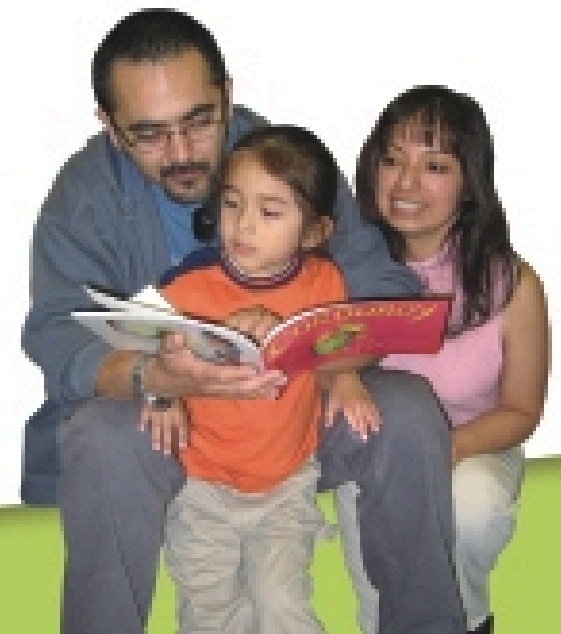
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Helping Families Read Together

Ready, Set, Read! provides classroom lending libraries and instructional bilingual workshops to help underserved parents read to their kids. Focusing on pre-kindergarten children, our programs stress the importance of a parent's role in a child's literacy development, ongoing academic success, and overall self-confidence.

Since 2000, through the donations and hard work of generous donors, volunteers, and motivated educators, we have taught over 14,000 parents to read with their children more often and effectively, given each of those parents a book to take home and read to their child, and distributed over 150 classroom lending libraries.



Techniques

The Ready, Set, Read! workshop is the culmination of years of research and hands-on experience. Parents are taught the dialogic method for reading to their children. Dialogic reading is based upon three main techniques- asking "what" questions, asking open-ended questions, and expanding upon what the child says.

READY to become an active partner in their child's literacy development.

SET to implement the dialogic reading techniques they have learned.

READ Parents learn that the time they spend with their children looking at books and discussing them is invaluable, regardless of their reading skills.

Feedback

"The children can't wait to select a book. They're always asking me if it's library day. I can see a big improvement in their book handling skills since we've started the program."

– Debbie Ryan, Dyer Street Elementary

"Your workshop reinforced everything I had shared with the parents about the importance of reading to their children. Parents and children enjoyed all of the books and were anxious to check out additional books! They followed our instructions and took care of all of the books."

– Olivia Baucom, 99th Street School

"I enjoyed the parent meeting. It showed me how to read to my child differently. Now, I ask him questions and he also asks questions. He enjoys it more."

– Parent, Braddock Elementary

"This is the first new book my child has ever had!"

– Parent, Grand View Elementary

Get Involved

All of our resources are provided free of charge to parents and are either free or at nominal cost to preschools.

Our ability to sustain this program, however, is made possible only through the commitments of individuals, corporations, and foundations. Your donations underwrite the cost of providing parent training programs and classroom lending libraries across Los Angeles, and they provide a lifetime of benefits to families and children. You truly are investing in the future!

Volunteer

You can partner with Ready, Set, Read! by setting up a workshop at your school. Spread the word to other educators about the benefits of our program!

Ready, Set, Read! also welcomes opportunities to work directly with publishers and other companies to provide books and services to preschools and families.

