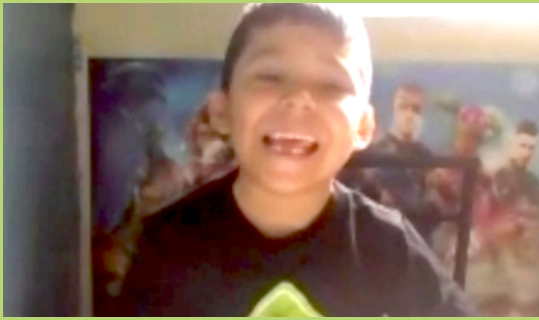




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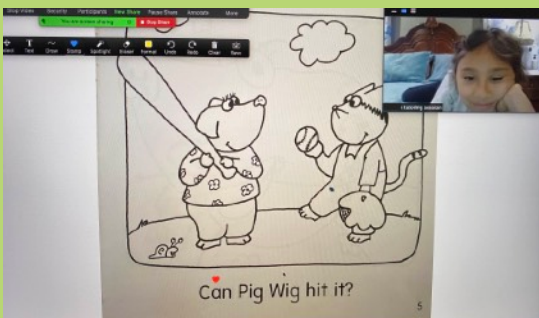
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VOLUNTEER! BECOME AN ONLINE READING BUDDY

Let's keep the momentum going and help prevent COVID slide for kids in our community! Join us this year as a one-on-one online Reading Buddy — your time really makes a difference!

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YOU DID IT!

In June we reached out to you asking for help to put on our first ever online summer program. With only two weeks to work everything out, you showed up big time! The financial gifts and virtual volunteering from our supporters near and far allowed us to host a quality, engaging, effective program in the midst of these challenging times.

We went into the summer with so many questions. Will students get anything out of an online program? Will they consistently show up and learn new things? Will they be able to connect with each other and bond over Zoom with teachers they've never met? Luckily, the answer to all of these questions was a resounding YES!

We had an amazing group of people show up in our virtual classroom everyday for a month to tutor students in reading and math and to provide a point of personal connection in this time of social distancing. They came from Texas, Arizona, and all over California. They were high school seniors, university students, recent graduates, and professionals.

To keep kids motivated, we created weekly Activity Kits filled with school supplies, art supplies, craft materials, engineering projects, prizes, and snacks, and delivered their houses every Friday. Together during the week, we then built chain reactions, popsicle stick bridges, straw towers, balloon cars and bubble wands. We did watercolor projects, scratch art, air dry sculptures and guided drawings. The kids were so excited to participate in hands on activities online! And getting them "in the door" with activities allowed us to engage their minds in reading and math, to try and prevent summer learning loss compounded by the pandemic, and expand their own sense of what they're capable of.

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My Volunteer Experience

I loved introducing my TA Mr. Raccoon (aka a fuzzy sock with a raccoon print on it) into the lessons as the kids were much more interested in multiplication and adding when it came from him. They would directly speak to Mr. Raccoon and answer his questions as well as ask him questions about his personal life — We met his raccoon friend Bob and his wife Mrs. Lobster who teaches history. Working with RCP has been a wonderful experience! They really care about the holistic development of the child, not just developing their knowledge and skills but their hearts too. Compassion camp was my favorite part of the entire curriculum. Getting to talk to kids about how to love like Jesus loved and to encourage them to see others' pain and do something about it was really rewarding.

— Nancy Lam, Arizona State University



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In this time of distance learning, we've seen a resiliency in each one of our students, overcoming immense obstacles in order to improve. They've taken ownership of their learning -- logging in to work after program hours, creating goals for themselves and making commitments to become better students.

This summer was a great reminder of what has always made our program stand out... our incredible network of supporters coming

80% of students this summer advanced a level of reading thanks to one-on-one Reading Buddies!

together to invest in the lives of children in our South Los Angeles community. We are grateful for your partnership and friendship in this journey!



Students participating in hands-on activities online!