Three days a week, the students engage in reading, writing, and other literacy activities.

In a newly implemented Reading Buddies Program, students in our oldest class partner with a first grader to help with reading.

Volunteers from USC pair up with a child to read with on-on-one for the entire semester.

It is through the care and focused attention of their program teachers and a dedicated group of volunteer tutors that Adventures Ahead students are making progress and growing into confident, independent readers. Thank you to our teachers and volunteers who give so much of themselves to helping these children.

Though the journey has been a struggle for many of these young students, they are learning to find the confidence in themselves to succeed.

And it is because of this that we look forward to our future with great anticipation and with great vision for what these kids can achieve.
Meet Stephanie.

Stephanie Retana is a fifth grader at Weemes Elementary. Stephanie first came to the program when she was 5 years old and just starting Kindergarten. Now, nearly six years later, she will be entering her final year at Adventures Ahead.

Stephanie is a great student and is a part of the gifted and talented program at her school. She excels in math. She is also very inquisitive and loves to read all kinds of books. But the thing she loves to do the most is sing. Stephanie sings in the choir at her school, and recently she was one of only 12 students chosen to sing at a special concert held in downtown Los Angeles.

We are very proud of Stephanie’s hard work and determination. And we are extremely grateful that God would allow Adventures Ahead to be an instrumental figure in her life.