

Reading Legacies First Teachers Program Description

Our First Teachers program is designed to empower and encourage parents as their child's first and most important teacher through fun read-aloud sessions and discussions to follow. We provide opportunities to hear experienced teachers and/or children's authors read stories in various locations throughout the county (including at the NTC Liberty Station) and provide educational activities for families to share at home after the reading time. Additionally, we offer group parenting classes focused on the importance and techniques of using reading aloud with children as a foundation for good communication and increased interest in reading.

Volunteer Responsibilities and Expectations

- Volunteers can participate in our Family Story Hours held at Liberty Station as well as other locations throughout the county. In these "story hours", children and families gather to hear stories read aloud by trained volunteers who then provide educational materials for the families to take home for continued fun bonding and reading activities.
- Additionally, volunteers can participate in our parent workshops in which we provide motivational information and materials to bring reading aloud into their regular habits at home – empowering parents to be their child's first teacher through the simple and fun activity of reading stories with their children.
- Volunteers are required to attend a Reading Legacies training to learn our process and other information pertinent to this program.
- Volunteers are encouraged to be able to commit to participating in one program event a month. These events usually last around two hours (with transportation to and from not included).
- It is our policy that Reading Legacies volunteers never work alone. You will always be with at least one other volunteer and a staff member from Reading Legacies or the facility where the event is located will always be available to you.
- You will need to provide your own transportation to and from the program event and be able to provide proof of valid and up-to-date auto insurance.
- Your experience as an important member of our team is of utmost importance to us, including your safety and "job" satisfaction.