



TOPLINE NEWS FROM READ TO ME PROJECT

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Congratulations on the MC Gives Campaign and the Greenfield data. When I look at all of the agencies and nonprofits supporting early childhood education, I think that RtMP is the only one that has taken a serious approach of collecting data to support their efforts and justify donors contributions!

> - Read to Me Project Donor

## **EVIDENCE OF IMPACTS**

## Emerging news of Read to Me Project's impacts on preschoolers!

The Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) is a formal research-based assessment system designed to give teachers the valid, reliable ability to assess children's learning from infancy to kindergarten along a continuum of multiple, critical development levels.

Analyzing 2020/2021 DRDP data on 3- and 4-year-olds in the Greenfield Union School District, RtMP participant scores were 2 to 8% higher compared to non-participating children of the same age. RtMP participant scores were greater on Language and Literacy Development regarding Communication and Use of Language (Expressive), Reciprocal Communication and Conversation, and Emergent Writing. They also scored higher on Social and Emotional Developments and Cognition, including early math and science - number sense of quantity.

The 2019 evaluation of impacts on students will be updated for reporting by June 2024. Four years ago, the third-party program evaluation showed RtMP student participants improved their standard assessment scores by on average 68% compared to students who did not participate in the program. This significant finding highlights the effectiveness of the program. However, it is time to take a new look at the data to discover how RtMP's work impacted students during Covid's years of influence that research is saying caused further declines in student academics and social and emotional behavior. In which case, RtMP's intervention is needed more urgently than ever.

**THANK YOU!** Your donations and the percentage match added by Monterey County Gives! Campaign sponsoring partners totaled \$83,135. Read to Me Project's prevention-based solution to low literacy among under-served children is designed to change their lives. Because of your generosity, it is!

## **MID-YEAR UPDATE**

There are 3,403 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and

little ones ages 6 months to 5-years-old participating in the 2022/2023 program. Nearly 6,000 books have been placed in the classrooms for students to borrow for reading out loud to the little ones at home. By year-end, another 2,000 books will have been gifted to encourage continued reading habits and to help create an at-home library.

RtMP's parent education program is well underway with adult and teen parents through continuing partnerships with Door to Hope and the South Monterey County Joint Union High School District.

New collaborations in development with the Parenting

Ends Children of Education Description

Connection and the Monterey County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Programs will expand RtMP's ability to directly reach more little ones and parents in months to come.

## **ONE MORE PIECE OF NEWS**

Read to Me Project has gone Platinum! RtMP has been upgraded from Gold to Platinum, the top tier of transparency and information on GuideStar Candid. Read to Me Project's current financial statements, strategic plan through 2023, inner workings of how and for whom the program is implemented, board and staff information, and more may be easily found on <a href="GuideStar">GuideStar</a> Type Read to Me Project in the search field.

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I support early literacy

Every child enters kindergarten prepared to succeed.



