

Program Impacts Proving to be Significant

Independent study documents that Read to Me Project's early literacy program is causing statistically significant increases in reading abilities among student readers and higher early literacy skills in children being read to.



Student Readers showed...

Statistically significantly higher increases in reading scores compared to non-participants.

Significantly improved overall literacy and reading scores for fourth-grade student readers.

Significantly improved oral reading fluency and reading comprehension from the beginning to end of the school year among fourth- and fifth-grade student readers.

Fourth- and fifth-grade female students performed statistically significantly better than male student readers.

Little Ones showed...

Significant, positive differences in early literacy skills in phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

Higher early-literacy and early reading skill scores.

Higher written, oral and composite English language scores.

Being read to 100 days or more yielded the highest average early-literacy skill scores by the end of the school year, well above the benchmark.

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

Read to Me Project is honored to have been selected for the 2019 Monterey County Gives! Campaign to receive a percentage match of what we raise NOW through DECEMBER 31st. Here is our Big Idea that was selected by Campaign Sponsors:

70% of Monterey County children are starting kindergarten as much as two years behind in early literacy knowledge. Imagine a 5 year old starting school with the vocabulary and cognitive skills of a three year old!

The demand for Read to Me Project's work with children in no/low literacy families increases every year as annual births in Salinas Valley alone exceed 5,000. The prevention-based program provides pre-kindergartners with early-literacy experiences necessary for a solid learning foundation that sets lives on course for a lifetime of equity and opportunity. RtMP coordinators uniquely coach 4th, 5th and 6th graders on the best ways to read to infants, toddlers and pre-k aged little ones that develop literacy and a love of books and learning.

"Read to Me Project is the only way schools have to penetrate into homes to provide early literacy experiences for children beginning at birth." - Sonia Aramburo, Elementary School Principal, Greenfield

We need your help to continue deepening proven impacts on thousands of children every year. May we count on you? Please go to...

**Monterey County Gives!
Donation**

If you prefer, a check made payable to CFMC/MC Gives!, with Read to Me Projectd noted on the memo line, may be mailed to: Community Foundation for Monterey County, ATTN: MCGIVES, 2354 Garden Rd., Monterey, CA 93940

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