

Our Work

Literacy is essential for individual and community success. **Read Write Spell** works to ensure that every child in Forsyth County learns to read. Our research-based approach is scientifically proven to be more effective, for more children, than traditional literacy instruction.

The Need

48%

of 3rd grade children in WS/FCS are not proficient in reading.

Children do not outgrow poor reading: **74%** of poor readers in 3rd grade are still poor readers in 9th grade.

The gap widens over time.

“If a reading problem is identified early, and the proper intervention is applied, 90-95% of children “at risk” for reading failure will become fluent readers.”

-Brittany Birken

Dropout rates for students with disabilities range from **16% to 84%**. (NC rate=43%.)

Our Volunteer Tutoring Programs

Read Write Spell has two volunteer tutoring program options.

Reading Foundations Program

A volunteer tutor commits to:

- Attend a 2-day training
- Tutor twice a week for 40 minutes
- Complete 45 one-on-one tutoring sessions

A volunteer tutor receives:

- 2-day training
- All necessary materials
- 3 coaching sessions
- Ongoing support

A Reading Foundations tutor provides instruction in phonological and phonemic awareness, listening comprehension, and letter formation to kindergarten and first grade students in order to prevent literacy struggles in later grades.

Augustine Literacy Project® Program

A volunteer tutor commits to:

- Attend a 5-day training
- Tutor twice a week for 45-60 minutes
- Complete 60 one-on-one tutoring sessions

A volunteer tutor receives:

- 5-day training
- All necessary materials
- 5 practice lessons
- 6 personalized coaching sessions
- Ongoing support

The Augustine Literacy Project® Program utilizes a structured, multisensory, phonetic teaching approach. This program focuses on the five essential components of research-based reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Due to the increased need for volunteer tutors to help students in the fall created by learning loss related to remote learning, all tutor fees will be waived for 2021.

As space permits, individuals who will not tutor a **Read Write Spell** student (live out of the area or those who want to train without a commitment) may complete this training for \$525.

Our Students

We serve public school children in targeted WS/FCS schools who struggle with reading or written language. We accept referrals from teachers, parents/guardians, and curriculum coordinators.