



TUTORS FOR KIDS, INC

Celebrating 12 years of Tutoring Children

Excited children eager to learn

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Tutors for Kids, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit community-based organization of volunteers who support the local educational process. Our Mission: Meeting student educational needs as defined by the teacher through suitable and trained volunteer tutors in the local, Tri-county Title 1 public schools as determined by the Board of Directors.

Suggestions for working with your students –

By now many of you have started tutoring and many more will start soon. So here are a few hints on tutoring in reading, math, and many other subjects. Most of these hints can be adjusted for different grade levels.

1. Get to know your students. Start with a little 'chit chat' at the beginning of each session. This will help your students relax and feel better about talking with you. It will also help you, the tutor, to understand your student and what could be the best way for your student to learn.
2. Students learn in different ways so in the beginning weeks make sure that you have your student use all their senses in what you are trying to do. For example, in reading do not correct every wrong pronunciation. Pick out a couple. Have your student listen to you say the word, have your student sound out the word, have your student say the word, have your student print the word, have your student use the word in a sentence, and then re-read the sentence in the book.
3. Don't presume anything when it comes to sounding out words. Many of our students who are below grade level in reading also have a more limited vocabulary than students who are at or above grade level. Often this limitation is many thousands of words. So even if your student 'sounds out the word correctly' they may keep trying to 'sound' it out or not even recognize the word because they have not heard it at home or used it with friends.
4. Make your student feel like they have accomplished something at each session. After a while this good feeling will carry over week to week.
5. Offer praise when praise is due; offer encouragement when it is needed.

Suggestions for working with your teachers

– Due to Covid-19 and other situations most schools have experienced a large teacher turnover during the past three years. So do not be surprised if your teacher has not heard of Tutors for Kids, or does not know exactly what a tutor does and doesn't do. You may have an ongoing education project ahead of you in helping the teacher to understand tutoring. Communicating with your teacher is necessary but the method of doing this could be a problem. There are things you may want to discuss with the teacher about your student(s). Here are a few suggestions you could try. Visit your teacher before class starts in the morning – most are in the class around 7:15 A.M. Leave a hand written note for your teacher – this should be safe because even if a student sees it, they are at loss since they don't know "cursive", set up a time to call your teacher. (NOTE do not use email especially do not use any name or possible student identity since emails are "public records" by law).

HELP, HELP, HELP

Tutors for Kids is an all-volunteer organization. Before the pandemic hit we had over 500 tutors and a support staff of 70 volunteers who helped things run smoothly. We are now rebuilding. To do so we need your help. In our newsletter we will be describing a position each month that we need to fill.

This month we need three people to increase the seats on our Board of directors. Our Board is an 'active board'. Our members make decisions in the daily operations of our tutor program. If you can help or need more information, send an email to: news@tutors4kids.org

ATTENTION

All tutors are reminded that no books are to be given to students until we have guidance from the schools as to what books are acceptable, according to the new Florida rules. So that we may give books to our children as soon as possible, please keep track of the books your students are earning.

And three schools have new locations for the TFK books. Beverly Shores Elementary has moved our books to a book room in the media center, but on the left -hand side of the teacher resource room, where the copy machine is.

Wildwood Elementary and Wildwood Middle schools had no storage room at their schools, so the books were moved to Sumter PREP Academy, who has generously shared space in one of their outbuildings. You enter at the front office, along 466A, almost to route 301. Parking is available on the opposite side. When we are allowed to distribute books, regular times will be set during the school months, and someone from TFK will be at the front desk to escort you to the book building. Sumter PREP is only one-half mile from Wildwood Elementary. More details will follow when the dates are set.

If anyone would like to volunteer at Beverly Shores or Wildwood schools as a School Book Coordinator (SBC), or as someone to help during distribution time at Sumter Prep, please email Sandy Lynch, HBC, at KLynchFORE@aol.com.

Tutors for Kids In Search of Volunteers

To increase the number of volunteer tutors in our schools, Tutors for Kids has conducted in-person recruiting efforts to compliment the coverage provided in The Villages Daily Sun, on social media and the fine job our current tutors are doing to spread the word that we need more tutors. In the month of July we united with Live Oaks Community Church to invite interested volunteers to sign up to get further details about tutoring. Over two week-ends T4K board members supported by church members conducted a highly successful recruitment coordinated by Shirley Potts and Chuck Ramberg.

Coming up in October we will conduct another cooperative effort with LOCC and T4K to recruit more volunteers. Also on October 15 and 17, T4K will partner with the Friends of the Villages Library to in-person recruit tutor volunteers during their next Book Sale. The FOVL Book Sale will be held from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at the PINELLAS Branch of the Sumter County Library at 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood on Saturday, 10/15 and again on Monday, 10/17. You might want to check out this great book sale and support FOVL. This group has, in the past, very generously supported our "Books for the Bag" and "Books for the Break" - the class incentives used by every tutor.



Tutors for Kids Orientation Team (left to right)

Karen Vitro, Chris Meinholz, Lisa George, Chuck Ramberg

A big thank you to our Tutors for Kids Orientation Teams who have worked diligently to prepare for and present new tutor orientation programs this summer and fall. Orientation is a critical piece of every new tutor's introduction to what it means to be a vital and caring part of Tutors for Kids. If you know of a friend or neighbor interested in tutoring, please assure them that there is still plenty of time to sign up by calling 352-568-5843. Orientation sessions are scheduled for September 19,

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July - Live Oaks Community Church -Success/
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October - Live Oaks Community Church, Friends
of Villages Library Book Sale October 15,17
PINELLAS BRANCH (south of 466A)7375
Powell Rd, Wildwood FL 34785



Broadway Heroes & Villains

SMASH Productions presents
Broadway Heroes & Villains.

Hear Broadway's most beloved and feared characters come to life as many of The Villages' best-known performers take to the Savannah Center Stage, **September 22, 2022**, for two performances, 3:00pm and 7:00pm. *Broadway Heroes and Villains* features the stars from recent Villages production including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Grease*, *Urinetown*, *Mama Mia*, *The Producers*, *Nunsense*, *Carousel*, *1776*, *My Fair Lady*, *Assassins*, *Evita*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and more. This acclaimed cast of theater pros takes center stage with the characters and songs you love to love -and hate. You'll hear songs from many of your favorite shows and some that will become your next see shows.

Travel with Les Mis to Hamilton with stops at Chicago, Oz, and visits with the heroes and villains of Jekyll & Hyde, Annie, Mama Mis, the Phantom, Little Shop of Horrors, Aladdin and more! A portion of the proceeds benefit the Rotary Clubs of the Villages and their children relief efforts in Ukraine. Tutors for Kids may also receive a portion of the proceeds.

September Trivia (answers next month)

1. What day do we celebrate in September the achievements of our workers?
2. Where does September get its name?
3. What kind of moon do we expect to see in September?
4. What usually happens to consumer spending in September?
5. What is different about September compared to every other calendar month?

Answers from August newsletter

1. Which big cat is the largest? Siberian tiger
2. What is the largest aquatic animal? Antarctic Blue Whale
3. Which type of fish is Nemo? Clownfish
4. How many teeth does an adult human have?
5. What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl? Hedwig



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A story from one of our viewers: Carol Tomaselli:

As a young mother of pre-school children, I spent time sewing. One day, as my 4 yr. old sat beside me I gave her a threaded needle and scrap of fabric. At some point, for conversation, I asked her, what is she making? She replies, she is making a "clo" for her doll.

I said, oh how nice you are making clothes for your doll.

She replied, no no mommy, I am making only "one".

See how young children can interpret words!

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