



Reading Rockets

A pilot of the Northfield Promise Reading Team and the PRIMEtime out-of-school-time network

The Reading Rocket Model:

- ★ Program was based on the *Springboard Collaborative* model out of Philadelphia.
- ★ Two Summer PLUS cabins were grouped by reading level (not grade level). Each had approximately 15 elementary students, all of whom were behind grade level in reading.
- ★ Gina Swenson (Sibley 1st grade teacher) worked with the younger cabin. Robert Garcia (Greenvale Park 4th grade teacher) worked with the older cabin.
- ★ The students spent the morning (2 hours per day) on literacy development (utilizing interactive learning).
- ★ Program ran for 6.5 weeks - a total of 26 program days.
- ★ An adult family member was required to attend four out of five one-hour family workshops, designed to reinforce the key role of families in helping their children with reading development.
- ★ Robert and Gina conducted three home visits with each participating family throughout the program.
- ★ Two small incentives (choice of sports ball, art supplies, books, small gift card, etc.) were given at designated points throughout the summer to students who met the participation goals. This included daily attendance, family attendance at workshops, completion of reading activities, etc.
- ★ Larger incentives (choice of bike, scooter, larger gift certificate, etc.) were given to students who met reading growth goals. A *Measures of Academic Progress* (MAP) assessment was given at the end of the program and results were compared to the student's 2014-15 school year reading results.
- ★ Final small incentives will be given to students if they maintain or grow their reading score at the time of their fall MAP test.

Results:

20 of the 30 participating students earned a large incentive, based on participation and MAP test growth.



Among all students who completed the program, 88% showed growth gains from their most recent MAP tests. Moreover, 56% met or surpassed their identified fall 2015 growth targets!



Over 90% of parents reported that the family reading events were "very helpful."



87% of parents reported that their child's love of reading significantly improved during the course of the summer.



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