11 TOTAL PARTNER SITES

- Riverview Gardens Housing Authority
- Kansas City Neighborhood Academy
- Richardson Early Learning Center
- Columbus Park Head Start
- Thomas Roque Head Start
- United Inner City Services
- Operation Breakthrough
- A Domestic Abuse Shelter
- State Street Project
- Pathway Academy
- Metro Head Start

26 STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO HELP THEIR CHILD/GRANDCHILD WITH THEIR HOMEWORK

423 LET'S READ PARTICIPANTS

370 BOOKS GIVEN AWAY

143 FAMILIES SERVED

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Let's Read
Our Family Reading Program

Literacy KC’s Let’s Read program is a multi-generational approach to family reading. Built to inspire a tradition of literacy in the home, Let’s Read offers an action packed hour each week for caregivers and children to laugh, read, and play together. Each session centers on a weekly theme and includes age appropriate books, crafts, and reading tips. At the end of each session, families leave with a brand new book, strategies for reading in the home, and great memories!

Let’s Read has made a significant impact on the families in our community. Through this program, families improve reading and phonological skills with their children, and build more trusting relationships with one another. Let’s Read has truly been beneficial in the lives of one particular family.

Ellison and Eleanor are students at Kansas City Neighborhood Academy. Along with their mother, Elizabeth, who is a single parent, they have participated in Let’s Read for the past year, and each week are excited to receive a new book. Eleanor always wants one of each of the three options offered, and sometimes we can let her have them all. She is the younger of the two sisters and has developed a love for reading not only from her older sister, but also from Let’s Read.

In one session, after reading The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, all the families worked together on a craft to make each of the three houses out of various snack items, like pretzels and crackers. This was one of Eleanor’s favorite crafts because it allowed her to work alongside her mom to make a house of her very own. As she spoke to her mother, she made distinct references to the book like, “This is the stick house!” or, “This house is the first little pig’s!” Above all, this family has been strengthened by the connections made during their Let’s Read sessions and this weekly opportunity to work together to build a foundation of literacy in their home. They don’t look at the weekly, hour-long program as something extra they have to do, but as a time in which they all can learn, laugh, play, and grow together.

What Happens at Let’s Read?

1. Large Group Reading - Our Let’s Read Instructor will read engaging stories to participants.

2. Family Reading - Each family will read a story.

3. Activity - Families will engage in an art or movement activity.

4. New Books - Each child will go home with a brand new book!