



### The Mission:

AR Kids Read seeks to improve the future of Arkansas children and families by advancing literacy education through community engagement and tutoring so that all children can read proficiently.

AR Kids Read is partnering with the four central Arkansas school districts: Jacksonville North Pulaski School District, Little Rock School District, North Little Rock School District, and Pulaski County Special School District, to recruit and support tutors.

### The Opportunity:

- K-12 education is the #1 issue affecting the economic future of central Arkansas.
- Nearly 70% of third graders in central Arkansas are reading below grade level.
- 65% of fourth graders reading below grade level will drop out of high school, end up on welfare, or in the prison system.

A central Arkansas literacy study identified five key components of successful literacy tutoring that have been incorporated into the AR Kids Read program:

- Student relationship based
- Low tutor-to-student ratio
- Mentor commitment (for at least one semester)
- Reading level-based curriculum
- Effective program coordination, tutor training, and support

### The Commitment:

Volunteers will work on reading comprehension with first, second or third grade students reading below grade level in a one-on-one setting.

**The time required is minimal—only 10 hours a semester (one hour/week for 10 weeks).**

Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of ten weeks of tutoring. There are two AKR tutoring sessions in a school calendar year:

**Fall Tutoring Session: October to mid-December**

**Spring Tutoring Session: January to mid-March**