

# **PROJECT MORE**

Project MORE (Mentoring in Ohio for Reading Excellence) is a highly effective, one-to-one reading mentoring program assisting students in Kindergarten through third grade. The goal of Project MORE is to assist students who need additional help in reading to be successful. Project MORE gets results in schools statewide using volunteer mentors as its driving force. There are currently many students participating in our mentoring program. Our mentors consist of parents, grandparents, community members, school staff & High School students. For more information or to become a mentor, call: Terri Hoffman at (419) 596-3860.

## **Q & A**

### **What is the Project MORE Program?**

Project MORE (Mentoring in Ohio for Reading Excellence) is a statewide recognized academic structured mentoring program that pairs a student who needs help in reading with a volunteer who wants to make a difference in a student's life.

### **Who can volunteer?**

Any person who wants to help a student succeed in school is qualified to be a Project MORE mentor. Businesses and organizations are participating in the Project MORE Program by releasing employees to mentor students during their workday. Individuals, such as retirees, business people, and other students can also give the gift of time by mentoring in the Project MORE Program.

### **How will volunteers know what to do?**

As a reading mentor, your primary job would be to coach and cheer on a student for reading success. All volunteers attend an orientation session for information and training. You will be reading to and with your student, as well as facilitating skill review lessons, quizzes, and games. The daily lesson plan and all materials will be provided for you, tailored to each student and their unique needs.

## **How much time do volunteers spend mentoring during the week?**

Most volunteers work one half to one hour a week but more opportunities exist if you are interested. Students participate in the program Monday thru Thursday during the normal school day hours. Schedules are arranged to accommodate volunteers and to establish continuing relationships with students.

## **Why volunteer?**

Helping children learn to read is one of the most important ways to make their lives better. The time you spend with your student is a gift you're giving to the child and the whole community. The most important successful component is the mentor-student relationship. The lessons they learn from you will motivate them to be more productive students and citizens in the future. The ripple effect of this mentorship is huge. You have the opportunity to help our community become an even better place to live, work and grow.

## **How can I help?**

Contact Terri Schlegel, program coordinator, at Continental Elementary School by calling (419) 596-3860 or by email at [t.schlegel@continentalpirates.org](mailto:t.schlegel@continentalpirates.org). We can always use people to join our team and become mentors! The students enjoy spending time with their mentors and enjoy the extra help.