

# READY SET LEARN 2020

A Program by the PEI Literacy Alliance



Izzy - grade 5 participant

## ADAPTING TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

We were not able to tutor in person this year due to COVID-19.

We pivoted to online learning using the following tools:

- Zoom Classroom
- Respectful Work Environment Policy
- Literacy Kits for each child
- Online Application Process

## ABOUT

Our Ready Set Learn (RSL) program is a free summer tutoring program for children who struggle with reading, writing and math.

We offer this program to children in grades k to 6 in English, French Immersion and Francophone programs across Prince Edward Island.

Each child receives one hour of tutoring each week for 8 weeks.

This program boosts:

- literacy skills
- learning attitudes
- confidence

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## TESTIMONIALS

### From Children

*I learned that I am able to do things I didn't think I could do  
I learned that I am smart  
I learned to always keep trying*

### From Parents

*Thank you! this program has helped and continues to help my daughter stay connected and excited with learning. We see improvements in her reading, writing and math.*

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## IMPACT

**544 children boosted their confidence, learning attitudes, and literacy skills**

**17 young adults gained meaningful work experience**

We received 783 applications. We were able to accept 544 children of which:

- 436 took part in 4 sessions or more
- 108 children attended less than four sessions

### **COVID-19 affected our impact**

Typically, we tutor about 800 children each summer. This was not possible this year for the following reasons:

**1. Our funding was down.** Service Canada reduced our funding by more than half. The Public School Branch would not endorse our program because it was online.

**2. Our expenses were higher.** We had to purchase learning software, hire a lawyer to write our Respectful Workplace Policy, and provide each child with a Literacy Kit.

## FUNDERS

- Service Canada
- PEI Department of Education and Lifelong Learning
- Regis and Joan Duffy Foundation
- United Way of PEI
- Collège du l'Île
- Commission scolaire de la langue française

## EVALUATION

### **Feedback from Parents**

- 92% agreed RSL was well organized
- 87% agreed RSL helped their child practice their literacy skills
- 90% agreed that their child enjoyed RSL
- 95% agreed that their child's tutor was successful in keeping their child engaged
- 66% agreed that their child's attitude toward learning has improved at home. 25% somewhat agreed
- 82.1% said they had no issues accessing a computer
- 80.7% said they had no issues accessing the internet
- 95.8% of parents said they would recommend our program

### **Feedback from Children:**

- 97% said they enjoyed their tutoring sessions

### **Feedback from Tutors**

- 80% said they had a good experience working for us
- 93.3% said they gained skills to help with their future career
- 72% of tutors had a good experience using Zoom
- 80% said they felt well supported

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