

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

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 and we did not receive funding from the PEI Public Schools Branch this year.

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 de 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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