

# WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

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## COLORADO READING CORPS MID-YEAR REPORT 2021-2022

The Colorado Reading Corps program features full-time tutors in Weld County preschools and elementary schools who provide daily one-on-one sessions with students to help build literacy skills and increase reading proficiency.

Ella entered first grade lagging behind many of her classmates in reading. She was embarrassed to read out loud in front of others. A shared effort between Colorado Youth for a Change, Greeley-Evans School District 6, United Way of Weld County, and numerous funders brought Colorado Reading Corps to her school. After a few 20-minute, daily sessions with her Reading Corps tutor, Ella's reading began to improve. Eventually she was flourishing and even surpassed the abilities of her fellow students. Now, more often than not, Ella raises her hand in class, eager to read to everyone.

Research says that children struggle for the rest of their lives if they are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Those who read proficiently by the beginning of fourth grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school than those who do not.

United Way of Weld County has teamed up with the Corporation for National and Community Service, Weld County school districts and Colorado Youth for a Change, which manages Colorado Reading Corps statewide, for this evidence-based nationally implemented program that helps students build literacy skills and increase reading proficiency.

In the first half of the 2021-22 school year, **244** students worked one-on-one with a tutor to build their literacy skills.

**15** tutors worked with **244** students at Greeley-Evans School District 6, Weld RE-5J and Weld RE-4.



**73%** of students are at or above target.



### Participant Schools

Bella Romero  
Centennial  
Chappelow  
Dos Rios  
Heiman

Knowledge Quest (RE-5J)  
Letford (RE-5J)  
Madison  
Maplewood

Martinez  
McAuliffe  
Meeker  
Milliken (RE-5J)  
Monfort

Scott  
Shawsheen  
Skyview (RE-4)  
Winograd

### Key Investors and Partners



Andre Nogueira and Leandra Zanqueta  
Colorado Youth for a Change  
Corporation for National and Community Service  
Greeley-Evans School District 6  
Greeley Stampede Foundation  
Johnstown-Milliken RE-5-J  
The Weld Trust  
W.D. Farr Fund at the Weld Community Foundation  
Windsor-Severance RE-4



“Our Colorado Reading Corps project in Weld County is a great example of the private, public and nonprofit sector working together to achieve results. We know that making sure all children learn to read at the start of 4th grade is essential for success in school, in the workforce and in life. Reading Corps is a proven best practice for helping children reach this goal.”

- Jeannine Truswell  
President & CEO  
United Way of Weld County



“You can simply make a donation of your choice directly to United Way of Weld County to Colorado Reading Corps and those dollars will go to helping fund a tutor. We have lots of kids who still need an awful lot. And we, as the adults, have the obligation to figure that out.”

Deirdre Pilch, Superintendent  
Greeley-Evans School District 6

“I have been tutoring a 2nd grader who is almost determined to stay distracted, but I have been able to keep him on task (for the most part), and he is making a lot of progress! Previously, this student’s score was 24 words correct with 5 errors. This time he scored 57 correct words with only 1 error. He improved so much compared to his last score on this. When I told him how much he improved, his face lit up and he could not wait to tell his teacher. After our session, he brought his paper to his teacher to show her the progress he is making, and we all celebrated his improvement.”

- Colorado Reading Corps Tutor

In the 2020-2021 school year, **192** students worked one-on-one with a tutor to build their literacy skills.

**10** tutors worked  
with **192** students at  
Greeley-Evans School  
District 6 and Weld RE-5J.



**83%** of students  
were at or above  
target.

