

The Learning Cove

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It's a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon at Patterson Intermediate School in Tecumseh. The buses are lined up to head home and the halls are bustling with students and teachers ready to call it a day. But in one of Patterson's rooms, the excitement and intention of learning to read is just beginning!

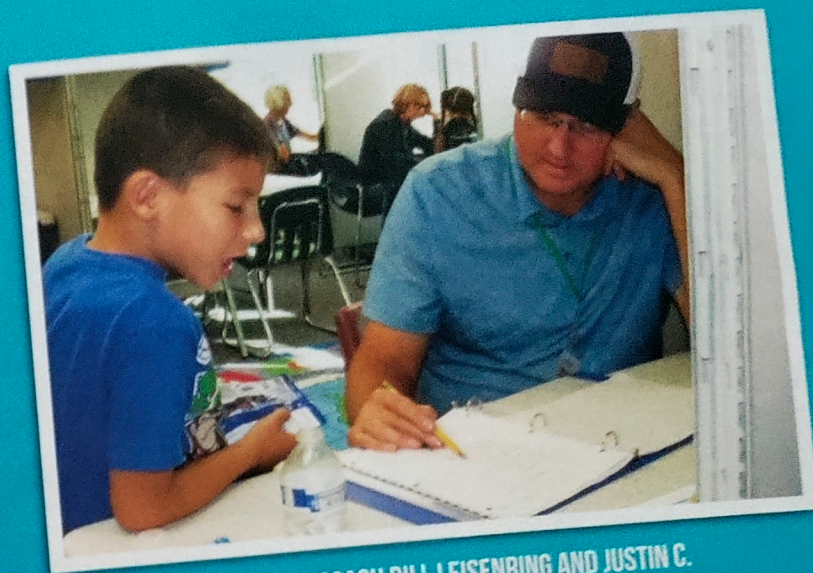
Community volunteers have arrived and are eager to tutor their assigned student who has been enrolled because he/she is behind grade level in reading. The weekly lesson plans for the students have been individually designed by Lynn Raine, a retired reading specialist from Tecumseh Public Schools. The volunteer tutors, or "reading coaches," have been trained and are comfortable with the plans they will be using. Some students are transported by bus from one of the other elementary schools in Tecumseh, and some just walk from their classroom at Patterson. Students are warmly greeted into the classroom called **The Learning Cove**. After choosing a snack or two, they proceed to their cubby table area where their coach greets them and checks in on their day. For the next hour, the coach and student will be immersed in reading intervention.

Since 2016, The Learning Cove has tutored 95 second, third, and fourth graders. Many of our students begin the program with reading levels one, two, or even more grade levels behind. Last school year, we helped 21 students. The majority of them made a year or more progress in reading. Nine ended the year at or above the expected grade level.

"My students attending The Learning Cove have made tremendous gains. It provides them with that extra, very specific practice they need to be successful. This is a valuable asset and we are lucky to have this great program in our community!" said Tania Arras, Reading Specialist, Tecumseh Public Schools.

Could you help make a difference? Please consider volunteering to be a reading coach. We are a science-based reading program using phonics skills, games, and decodable books (books using words related to specific phonics skills) to teach and reinforce reading. Our program is only successful if we have caring adults from the community who will encourage and teach using the lesson plans provided. Volunteers come from a wide variety of backgrounds. They are trained by a reading specialist and staff. Substitute coaches are also needed to cover when a full-time coach is unavailable. Expect to give two hours of your time on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 3:15 – 5:15.

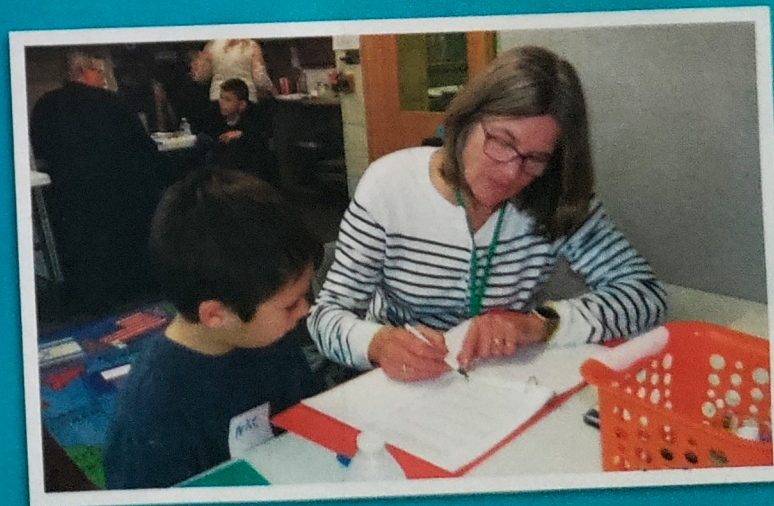
If you are interested in volunteering as a reading coach or you would like to make a monetary donation — applications/donation information can be found on thelearningcove.org. Find us on Facebook too!



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COACH LINDA KNAPE WITH ADELINE V.



COACH SANDY LEWIS AND PRYCE N.

The Learning Cove is a non-profit community outreach after-school tutoring program supported and administered by Covenant Presbyterian Church in Tecumseh. The goal is to provide free tutoring in reading to students. We are a volunteer-based organization that collaborates with Tecumseh schools, community members, parents, and students to impact academic achievement. Our vision is to bridge an education gap in reading, providing the opportunity to be successful in school and in life.

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