



A L.O.V.E. Letter

From Local Outreach Volunteer Educators



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On this St. Patrick's Day we want to thank all of you for taking L.O.V.E. into our public schools. We fill a vital role as consistent, caring adults in the life of each child struggling to learn.

We'd also like to thank Cindy Telljohan for her service on the Board and welcome Holly Kenreich as our new Secretary. This is Holly's first year as a mentor and we hear she loves the experience!

Speaking of L.O.V.E. – *“Recently, I tried to figure out how I could work with my 3 students in the time I had before a doctor’s appointment. I took my first student and, after returning her to class, a young man came up to me in the hallway and asked if I could work with him. I told him that teachers assign students to mentors, but to ask his teacher if he could be an “alternate”. I tried explaining what being an alternate meant. He said he needed help and that the student I was working with in his class could read much better than he could. I decided that I would work with my 2 other students at the same time, so I could make my appointment. However, their classroom was empty, so I went in search of my students. The same third grader passed me again in the hallway and asked me what that word was that I had told him about (alternate). I explained it to him again. I was unable to locate my students and thought there must be a reason.*

Sometimes we ask ourselves, “Does God ever speak to me?” or “Did I listen?” I think He was speaking loud and clear.

I went back to the young man’s classroom and asked his teacher if I could work with him. She welcomed my offer, and he was truly excited. His desire to learn was the catalyst, and it shows that the students know about the L.O.V.E. program and want to be a part of it. So now I have 4 students. He is a joy to work with and truly wants help.”

– Ginny Pierce, Co-chair, Site Coordinator, and mentor at Juliette Gordon Low Elementary

Wishing you a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day!

Upcoming Events

March 29: Spring Holiday

April 1-5: Spring break

Friday, April 12: Mentor training, SIUMC, 10-11:30am

Monday, May 6: Mentor Appreciation Day party, SIUMC, 4-5:30pm

May 27: Memorial Day

June 7: Last day of school

LOVE(IV) New Mentors!

Welcome to the 52 new mentors who joined us this school year.

Aldergates: Tashala Jamison **Bartow:** James Bolfik, Mary Ellen Campbell, Dwight Campbell, Kakky Lynn, Tangy Davis, Katherine Raffray, Roxy Storie **E. Broad:** Sam Henderson, Bettie Hodges, Kimberley Price, Eve Bluett, Theresa Feldstein **Haven:** Holly Kenreich, Ken Kote **Gadsden:** Hank Jones, Mary Kosmal, Bob Lucas, Gary Lautzenhiser **Georgetown:** Patricia Jones, Marie Moody, Luci Barre, Samantha Pierce, Dorothy Wade.... **Gould:** Chuck Canter **Isle of Hope:** Allen Blount, Cindy Goldberg, Ken Johnson, Marion Johnson, Anita Lawlor, Irene Mayo, Beth Mowry, Sandy Robinson, Gail Siegel, Walt Morris **Low:** Gary Anklowitz, Faith Arner, Margaret Hecht, Barbara Lauback, Al Smith, Sue Wettengel **Port Wentworth:** Cassandra Clay, Kristan Constantine **Pulaski:** Warren Dixon, Don Gersosa, Susan Helms, Nitzilenny Jimenez, Kristi McHaney, Heidi Moreno, Anne Salley, Tammy Winters **Spencer:** Tom Rood

Success with LOVE

One of Mom's favorite lines was, "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all."

Well Mom, folks have lots of nice things to say about L.O.V.E. and here's the place to say them!

Please send your comments about L.O.V.E to lovementorsinc@gmail.com.

With your permission, the comments will be posted on our new, updated website!

LOVE Notes

Responses to our Valentine's L.O.V.E. Letter

Thank you for sharing your "LOVE" newsletter with us, but even more thank you for the love you give our children. LOVE mentors have been a vital part of our school family as we strive to improve reading in our school. The love and dedication has been and is very appreciated.

I hope you have a wonderful day! Again, HAPPY VALENTINE'S Day! May you receive as much LOVE as you have shared with us!

Vernon H. Cole
Principal, Gould Elementary School

Thanks for sharing your terrific newsletter. We appreciate all the LOVE and support you provide to our kids and schools.

Sharon S. Sand
Chief Academic Officer
Savannah Chatham County Public Schools

Mentor Training - What we learned

On Feb. 15, Rob VanderMay from SCCPSS led a workshop for mentors of grades 3-5 focusing on *decoding multisyllable words, fluency, and using a Lexile Score*. For students to advance from grades 2nd to 3rd, and from 4th to 5th, they must pass the SRI and be reading above the **Basic** Lexile score. This year, the **Basic** Lexile score for 2nd grade is 255 and for 4th grade is 590.

Almost all our kids were chosen for the LOVE program because they are reading below the **Basic** score. Ask the teacher for your child's Lexile score, then ask the Media Specialist to help you find books in the child's range.

On March 1, Rob gave us several techniques for teaching phonics and we worked in groups to experience hands on training. It was a super fun training session to be continued on April 12!

Mentoring Tip of the Month

The Mystery Bag

One fun and interesting way to practice some Phonological Awareness skills is through "The Mystery Bag." In this activity, the teacher places several small items (matchbox cars, small characters, marbles, small pictures, etc) in a bag or box. Without looking, students reach into the bag or box and pull out one item. Then the student applies whatever skill he or she is focusing on (how many syllables, first sound, last sound, rhyming) to that item. For example, the student pulls a car out of the bag. The teacher then asks for something that rhymes with car (if that is the focus skill). The teacher and student can also develop vocabulary by discussing different names for the item pulled.

Please send your mentoring tips to lovementorsinc@gmail.com

Kids need LOVE. LOVE need YOU!