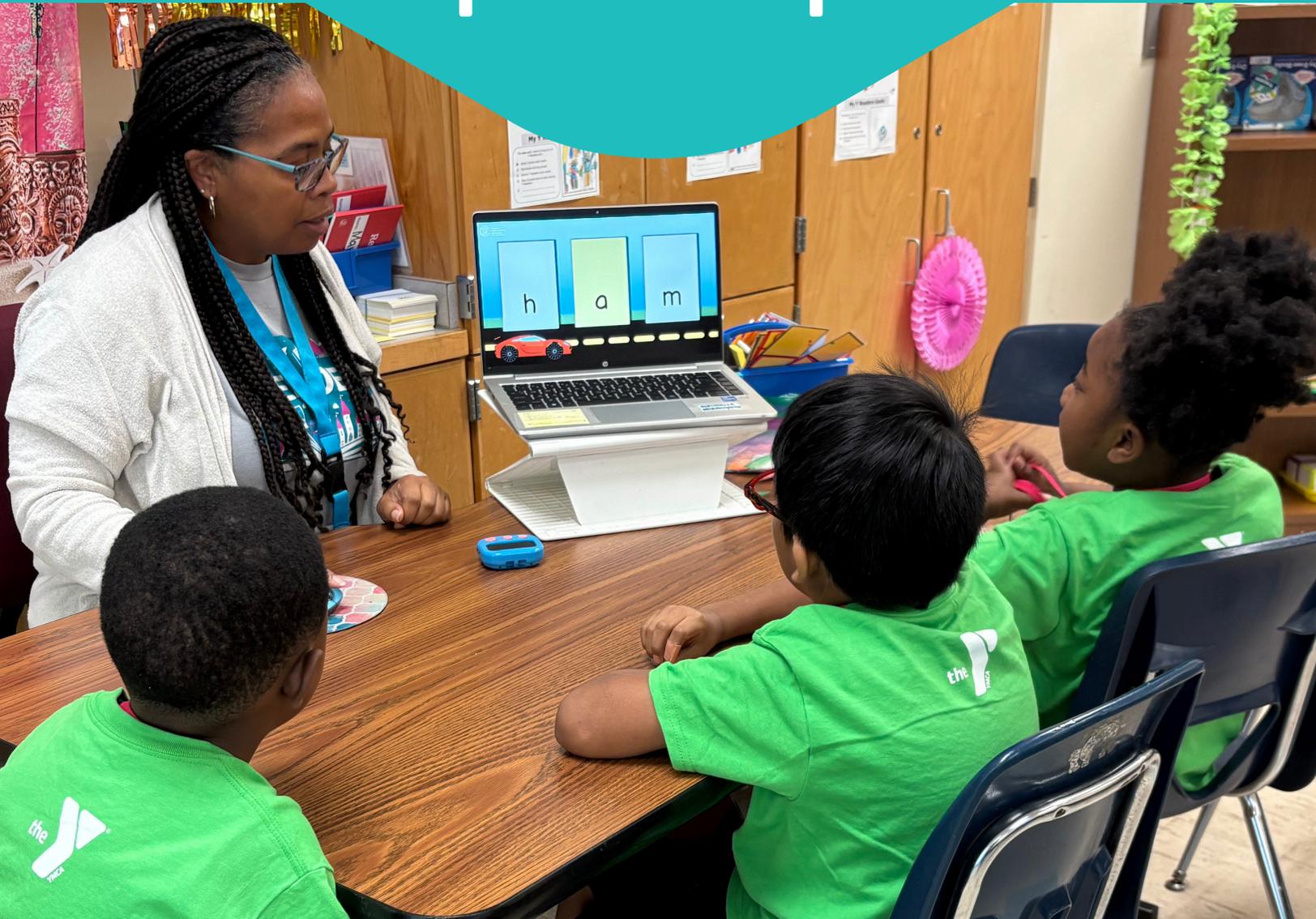
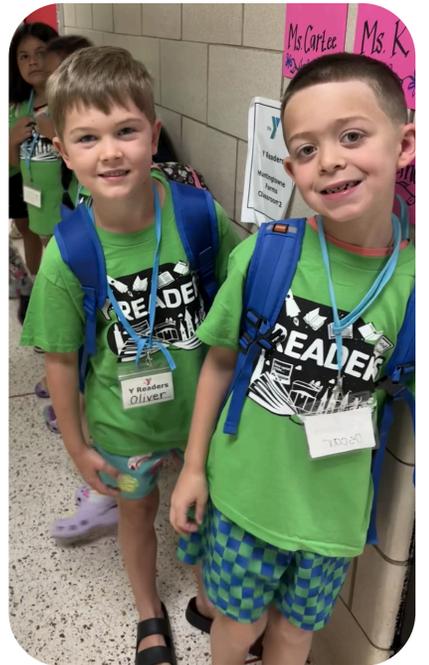
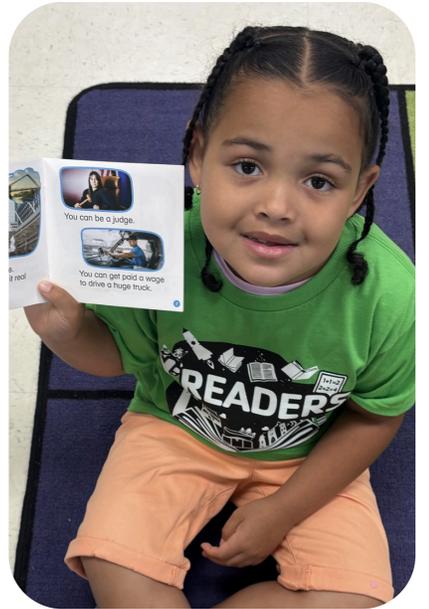
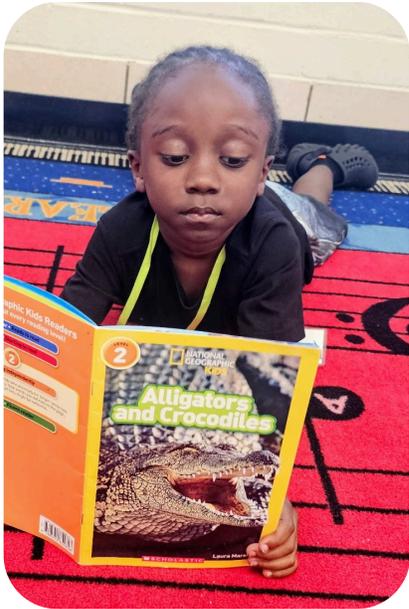
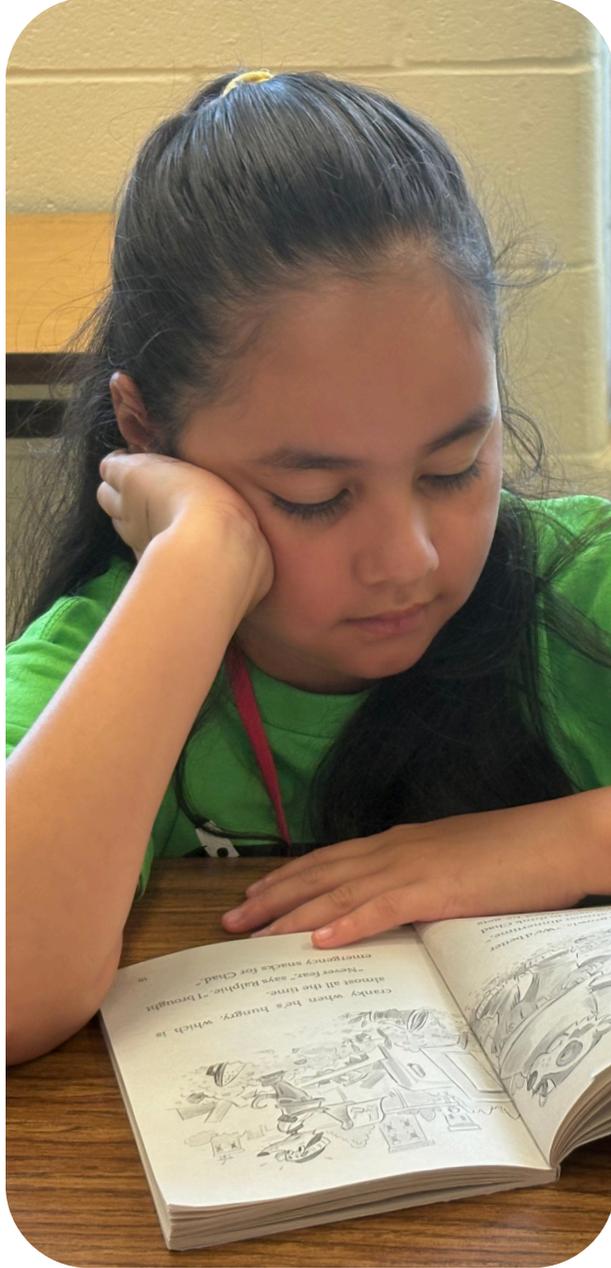




FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2024-2025 Impact Report





What is Y Readers?

Community Need

In Charlotte–Mecklenburg Schools and Mooresville Graded School District, 53% of third-grade students are not reading at grade level according to the districts’ 2024–2025 End-of-Grade state assessments. This persistent gap highlights a significant community need and reinforces the urgency of providing high-quality literacy support to ensure students have every opportunity to gain the skills they need to succeed academically and build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

Overview

In response to this need, the Y is steadfast in advancing literacy and academic success as core priorities of our strategic plan. Y Readers is a transformative program designed to ensure every child has the support necessary to read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade—a critical milestone that shapes long-term educational outcomes. Operating year-round through afterschool tutoring and summer programming, Y Readers delivers targeted literacy tutoring for K–3 students who are reading below grade level. Certified teachers and instructional assistants provide individualized, data-informed instruction that accelerates reading growth. To determine our impact, students participating in Y Readers are assessed at the beginning and end of each program session using the STAR Early Literacy Assessment. The program also incorporates enrichment opportunities such as physical activity, arts, and field trips that nurture students’ confidence, curiosity, and overall development. Together, these supports equip students with the skills they need to thrive in school and in life.

Components



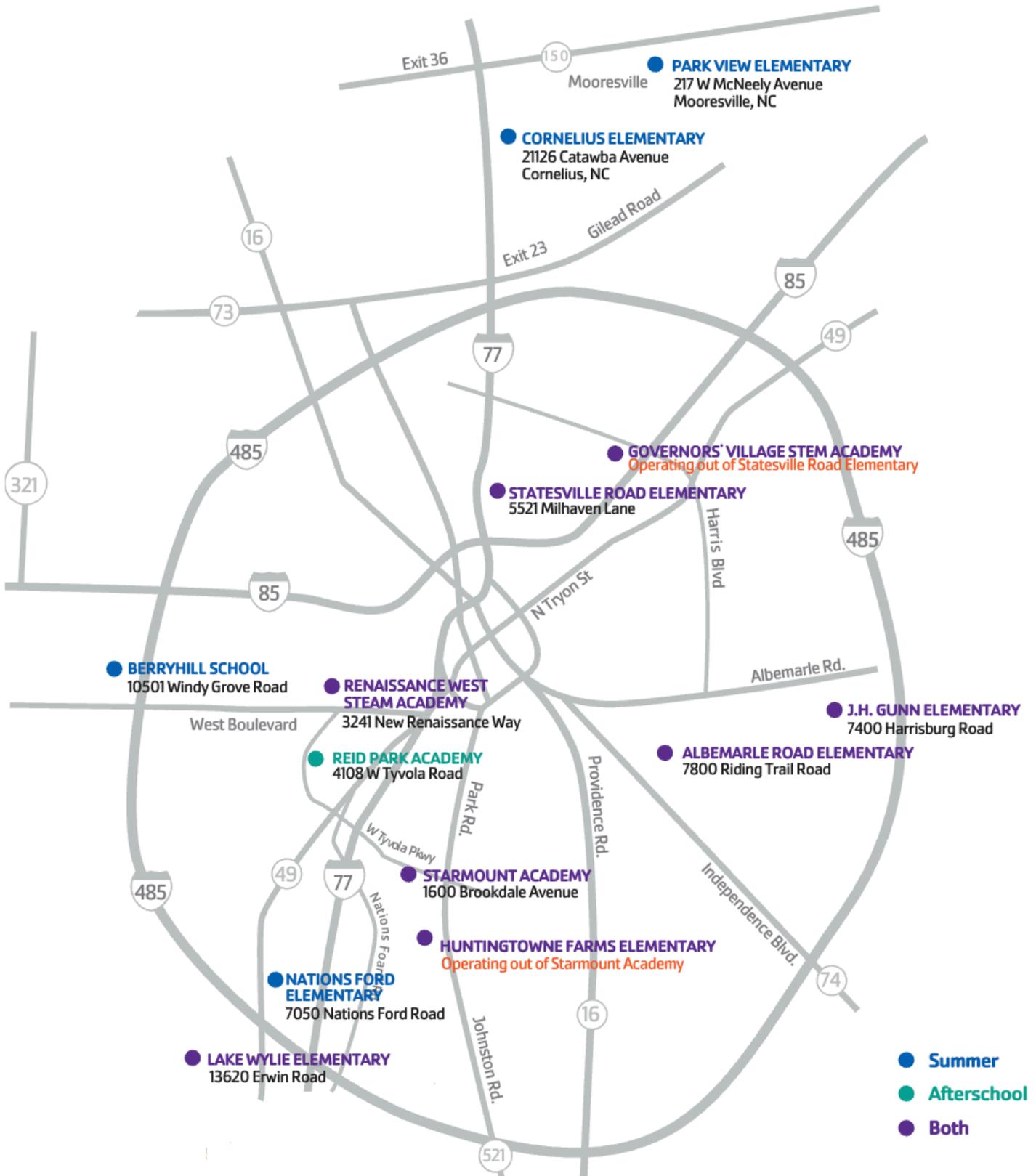
“Y Readers has been a vital part of my son Mason’s academic progress in school. Mason always shares about his day at Y Readers and can’t wait to attend the program!”

–Y Readers Afterschool Parent

“I was very impressed with this program. My daughter learned to gain more confidence with reading. She enjoyed spending time with her peers. I was so excited that transportation as well as meals with snack were provided for free. Field trips were also interesting and fun for my daughter. I give five stars for this academic program and I was thankful for my daughter to be recommended.”

– Y Readers Summer Parent

Geographic Impact



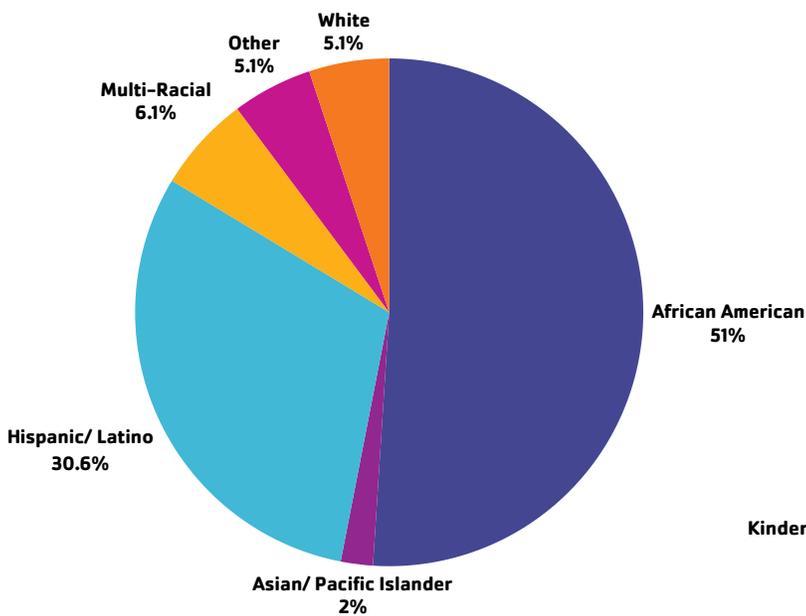
Afterschool 2024-2025

- **532 STUDENTS**
- **38 WEEKS**
- **10 SITES**

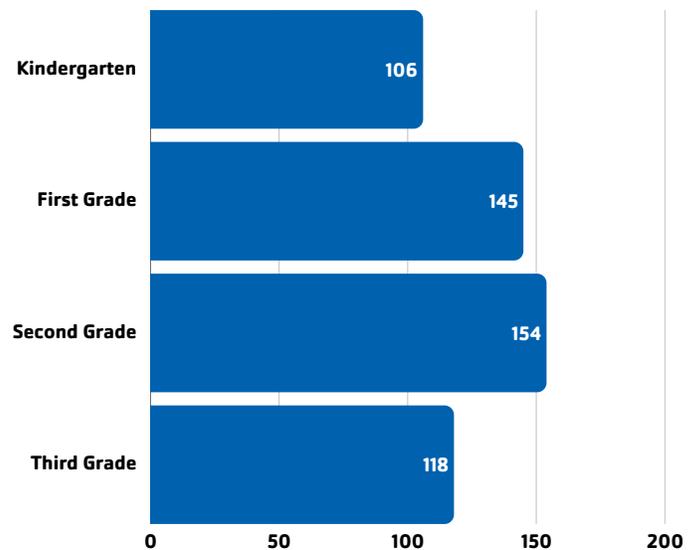
97%
of students
improved or
maintained
their literacy
classifications*

(59% improved/
38% maintained)

Demographics



Grade Levels Served



34,253
Books read by students
and their families for the
Read Together Challenge

*The program sample size consisted of 325 students who completed both a pre- and post-assessment and attended at least 80% of the session.

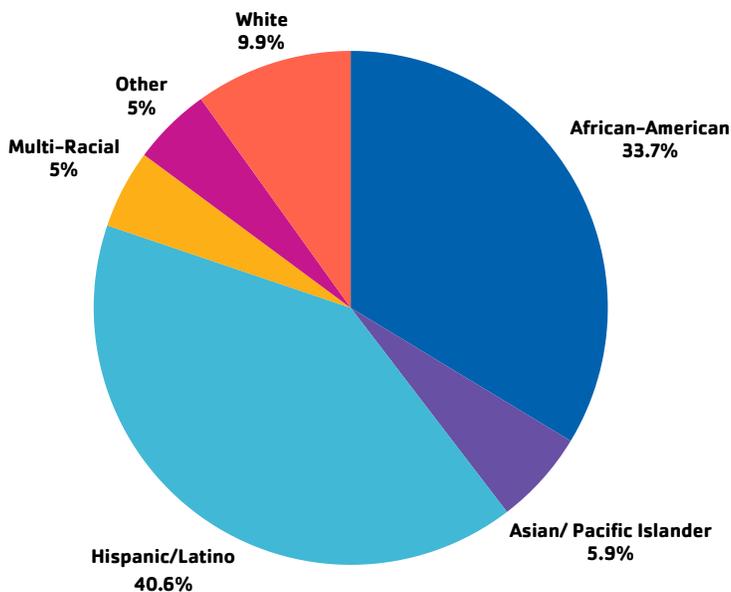
Summer 2025

- **829 STUDENTS**
- **6 WEEKS**
- **12 SITES**
- **55 VOLUNTEERS**

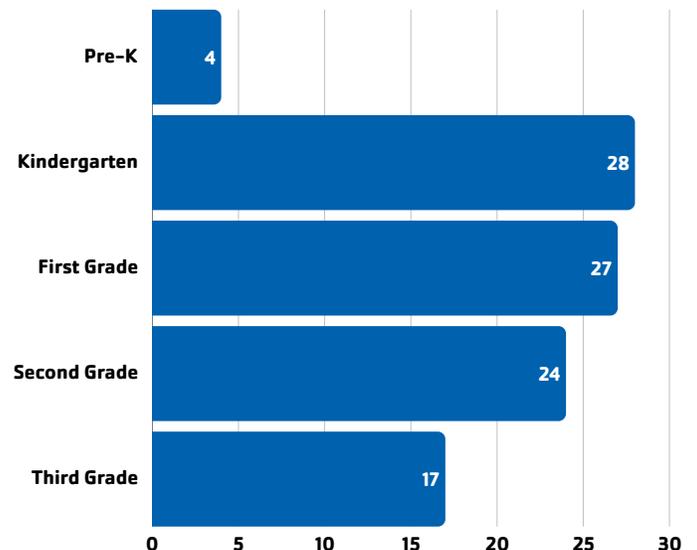
91%
of students
improved or
maintained
their literacy
classifications*

(28% improved/
64% maintained)

Demographics



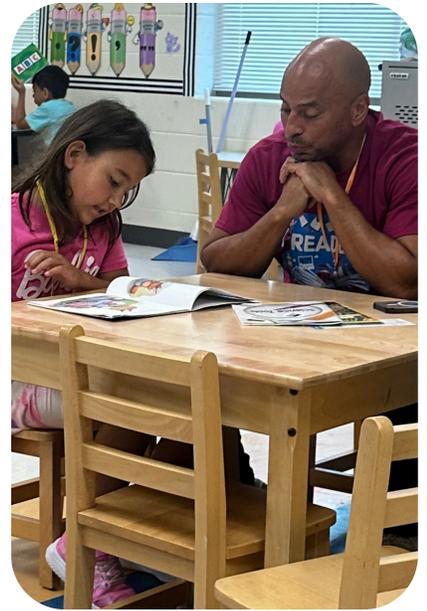
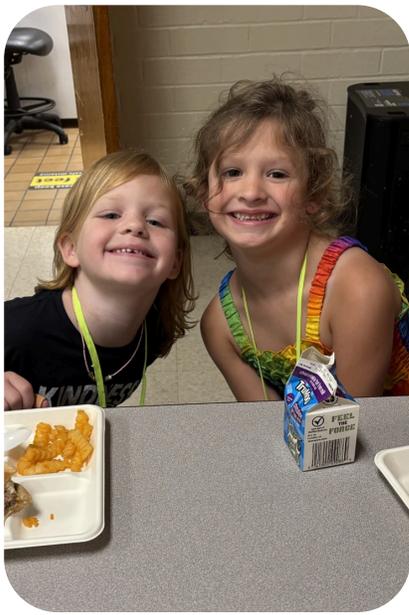
Grade Levels Served



21,231

Books read by students
and their families for the
Read Together Challenge

*The program sample size consisted of 476 students who completed both a pre- and post-assessment and attended at least 80% of the session.



Major Funders

All programming is offered to families and community partners at no cost; it is fully funded by individual gifts, corporate donations and grants. We are grateful for the support of our major funders and all those who make the programs possible for kids who need us most.



Gene and Vickie Johnson



Major Funders



4:9 Fund

**Lucille P. & Edward C.
Giles Foundation**



SISTERS OF MERCY
NORTH *of* CAROLINA
LEGACY



YMCACharlotte.org