

Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Partners,

It's July! I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer so far and has spent some much-needed time relaxing with your families. We have had a busy summer participating in events and gearing up for the start of another semester!

I want to use this time to emphasize the importance of reading to the children in your life. Did you know that children who were read five age-level appropriate books a day enter kindergarten having heard about 2.4 million more words than kids who were never read to? That's a difference you can make in children's lives.

Last month, We had our ESL Professional Development workshop. It was an excellent opportunity for our tutors to learn from each other and collaborate on what makes a successful ESL program. Plus, it was a lot of fun!

Our Youth and Family Literacy program is having a New Teacher Book Giveaway! We began on June 21st, and we have already been able to supply five teachers with 25 books for their classroom library. This will continue through July!

We are in need of tutors for the Adult Literacy program. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to help make a difference in the lives of adults in Rutherford County, please let us know.

Happy Reading, Jolene Radnoti and your friends at Read To Succeed



Our ESL Professional Development workshop was held on June 22nd. It was amazing to hear the fresh perspectives of our tutors and watch them learn from each other, all while learning a thing or two ourselves! We had guest speakers and activities that strengthened our tutors' teaching abilities in new ways.



We have had the best time meeting first-year teachers from across the county and giving them books for their classrooms. For any first-year teacher in Rutherford County or Murfreesboro City Schools, we are providing 25 books to start their classroom library.

This will continue into July, so if you're a first-year teacher, contact <u>familyliteracy@readtosucceed.org</u> to schedule a time to come by and pick up your books!

We need tutors!

"As a tutor, you'll learn more than you'll ever teach. Tutoring doesn't just affect the person you are helping; it affects everyone that person comes in contact with. It affects their family, their children, their workplace... their lives." – Carolynn Kobiske, Adult Literacy Coordinator

We are in need of more Adult Literacy tutors. If you or someone you know would be interested, don't hesitate to contact <u>alcoordinator@readtosucceed.com</u>.

