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RUSSELL EDUCATION FOUNDATION
OPENING BOOKS TO OPEN DOORS

READING ROOM RECAPS

REF HIGHLIGHTS

Through our Russell Reading Rooms, we provide a nurturing environment where children can cultivate their love for reading and learning, laying a strong foundation for future academic achievement.

Additionally our after-school program bridges the gap in educational opportunities, ensuring that students have access to quality instruction and enrichment activities outside of the traditional school hours.



AROUND OUR READING ROOMS

INSPIRING YOUNG READERS **ONE PAGE AT A TIME**

Student Spotlight



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- Been in the program: 4 years
- Favorite subject: Math
- Best part of the RRR: Fun field trips and fun activities
- Want to be: President of the USA

Another Success: 4th annual Rally 4 Reading Pickleball with Purpose

Brion Ross Law Group presents RALLY 4 READING PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Thank you for making Rally 4 Reading another success! On Sunday, November 8th, players, sponsors, and volunteers filled Diadem Pickleball Complex in Coconut Creek. Every dollar raised goes straight back to our Reading Rooms. We're grateful to everyone who came out, and we'll see you on the courts next year!

A special shout-out to our event sponsors: Brion Ross Law Group, PNC Bank, SUNKIDZ Dental, Movement Therapy Institute, WAWA, Transworld Business Advisors and Galleros Robinson Certified Public Accountants, LLP

Hello, REF Family!

For those we haven't met, I'm Mackie Feierstein, Executive Director of the Russell Education Foundation.

I'm excited to introduce our Russell Reading Room Recap, where we'll share what's happening in our Reading Rooms, celebrate our students and educators, and show you the difference we're making in our community.

Every day, our team works to help children become stronger readers, build confidence, and develop the skills they need to succeed.

We couldn't do this without the commitment of our educators and the generosity of our supporters and community partners.

Thank you for believing in REF and the children we serve. I look forward to keeping you connected to the work we're doing throughout the year.

Mackie Feierstein

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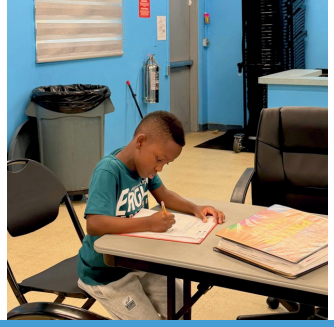
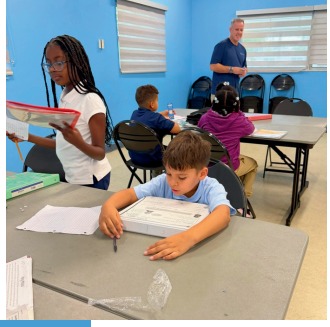



Life Skills Tips

Mentorship - helping students see the value of both giving and receiving guidance, whether through peer reading buddies or adult mentors.

Communication Skills - practicing clear speaking, active listening, and respectful discussion during story circles and group activities.



Recognition

At REF, we proudly honor the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and community partners, whose dedication creates real, lasting change in the lives of Florida's young people. Together, they help open doors to brighter futures for every child we serve.



READING RESULTS THAT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

- **22,000+ students** served across South Florida since inception.
- **96% of students improve** their reading by at least one grade level.
- **500 students enrolled** annually (including summer programs) with measurable gains in reading proficiency and STEM engagement.
- Students who stay with the program for at least four years have had a **99% passing rate** on the reading portion of the standardized tests.
- **Long-term community partnerships** with organizations such as **A.D. Henderson Foundation, Jim Moran Foundation, Miami Dolphins Foundation, UKG, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood and cities of Hollywood and North Miami.**

How You Can Help This Fall...

As we move through the fall, your support keeps our Reading Rooms thriving:

- Become a monthly donor to sustain reading resources and staffing
- Sponsor a literacy night or spring celebration at a Reading Room
- Volunteer as a guest reader, mentor or event helper
- Share our story with friends, colleagues, and on social media to broaden our circle of support
- Every book, every hour, and every gift helps us empower young minds - one page at a time

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To find out more about how our programs can help your child become reading ready, visit our website or contact us today.

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