**M4RA News 4 You December 2015**

**Dear Friends of Reading Mentoring,**

In this newsletter are wonderful ideas from many talented coordinators around the state. Please share with us what is working well for your students and we will highlight them on [www.m4ra.org](http://www.m4ra.org/) and News 4 You.

***“In the M4RA Spotlight”:*** The Reading Mentoring Program at

Gibsonburg/Hilfiker Elementary is a place where students and mentors are inspired to read. Before the mentoring program begins, Bethany brings in the K-3 students to walk around the classroom, to explain the motivating activities, and to answer their questions. Bethany's new idea to improve mentoring is to have a "Two Week

Focus Goal" for the mentors. [mentoring-at-hilfiker-elementary/](http://www.m4ra.org/2015/12/mentoring-at-hilfiker-elementary/)



***“Leaders Helping Readers” at Tri-County North Elementary:*** Check out the Lesson Plan that Cindy has shared. We really like the additional graphic organizer used with every new book. A KWL is used with a non-fiction book (What I *“Know”-“Want to Know”-“Learned*”). A “*Making Predictions*” is used with fiction books. You have many choices for graphic organizers on the www.readinga-z.com site. [leaders-helping-readers-lesson-plan/](http://www.m4ra.org/2015/12/check-leaders-helping-readers-lesson-plan/)

***“Beyond the Bell/Generals Rockin for Readers” at Ridgewood Middle and Elementary:*** Thank you Christopher and Ryan for sharing these with us!

[mentoring-program-enrollment-letter/](http://www.m4ra.org/2015/11/mentoring-program-enrollment-letter/)

***Toledo’s REACH Academy*** has 40 Fifth Graders mentoring 40 First Graders! What a joy it was to see this plan in action. [reach-ideas-organization/](http://www.m4ra.org/2015/11/reach-ideas-organization/)

***Toledo’s Sunbridge School*:** How fortunate to have dependable mentors from St. Johns Jesuit High School & Academy mentoring their students. Amanda shared her “Word Bank” motivator to build vocabulary.

“Mentors: If the student misses a word, please print it on a "word dollar" and place it in the Word Bank Envelope…” [word-bank-vocabulary-help/](http://www.m4ra.org/2015/11/word-bank-vocabulary-help/)

***Upcoming M4RA Trainings in 2016:*** [http://www.m4ra.org/instruction-sessions2015-2016/](http://www.m4ra.org/instruction-sessions-2015-2016/)  Additional free trainings will be scheduled by request.

**Best wishes for the close of 2015 and happy holidays to you and your families,**

**Debby & Amy**

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