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Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement (M4RA)

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**Dear Friends,**  
**This newsletter brings wishes of good will and hope for a bright tomorrow.**

## Celina Primary's B.A.R.K. is in the Spotlight!



### Mentoring



Laura shared that her “timesaver” is that she always has “the next” mentoring folder ready for the student. Of course this may change if the student is ready for a new Level; but usually works. Plus, the program can go on if she is absent. Laura has 16 kids (3 on waiting list) participating right now (1st and 2nd graders), and about 30, mostly community, volunteers. She also has some kids doing the program with staff members. Every kid has at least 4 sessions a week on average.



Laura’s program is very organized, as you will see in these photos.

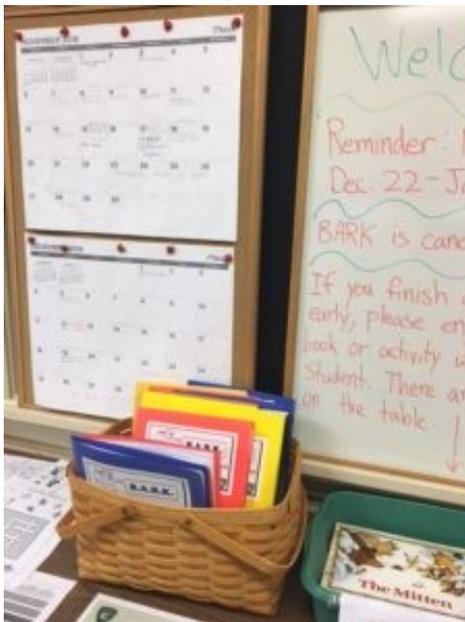
**What the mentor needs:**



**Seasonal extras:**



**Folders are ready for the mentors:**



**Laura has also made fluency/mentoring training videos. They are excellent resources for your Mentor Trainings; and for your mentors to have access as a reminder.**

**This is the link:**

**<http://CelinaCitySchoolsmentorfluencytraining>**

**For more photos of Laura's program visit our website at [www.m4ra.org](http://www.m4ra.org).**

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## **Grant and Funding Ideas**

**Some of our reading mentoring Coordinators have shared information on receiving money to help their programs/classrooms.**

**If you know of other sources, please email [debby.ambroza@m4ra.org](mailto:debby.ambroza@m4ra.org), and the information will be added to our website.**

**[Grant options for schools](#)**



## Success Stories

A teenaged youth at one of the Department of Youth Services prisons was not at a phonics level in reading. He was told that plans had changed and he would get his reading mentoring in a classroom with other students instead of by himself, and he replied "I don't care what anybody else thinks of me, I am trying to learn how to read".

"After several weeks of mentoring a 13 year old youth at a county juvenile detention center, Youth B. began reading. He was not reading books or sentences or even fluently reading one word. What is important is that he now knows the letter sounds well enough to break down a word, sound it out and figure out what the word is."



## Upcoming M4RA Instruction Sessions

We will schedule more M4RA Trainings and All About Reading Mentoring Trainings for 2017 and post them on [www.m4ra.org](http://www.m4ra.org).

*Best wishes to all during this holiday season,*

**Debby and Amy**

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