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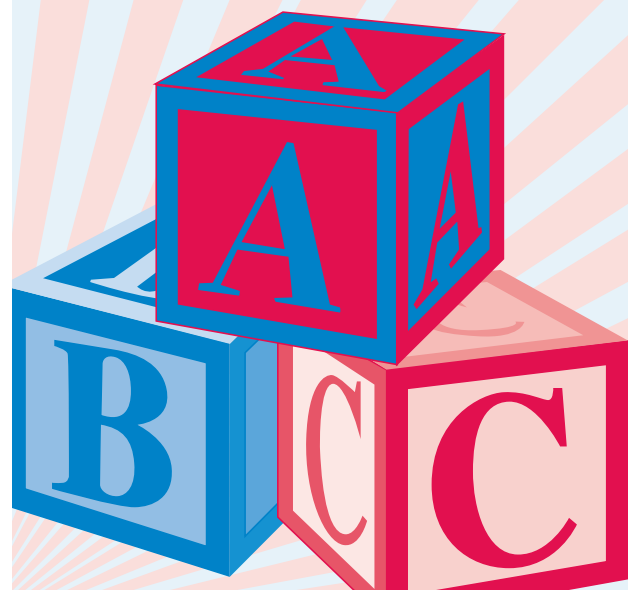
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The TOV Volunteer Network is a program of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Reading and writing:
the building blocks to a
child's future.



The rate of children growing up with inadequate literacy skills is a national problem. Over one million children drop out of school each year.* Help prevent a child from becoming a statistic by donating your time to tutoring.

*From The Alliance for Excellent Education. 2009.

Online Tutoring

TOV, in partnership with the not-for-profit Innovations for Learning, offers the opportunity to tutor online.

Who

Anyone who wants to help a child learn to read but lacks the time or ability to travel to a school—online tutoring is for you!

Where

Anywhere you have a computer with a cable or DSL internet connection and a separate phone line.

When

A thirty-minute time slot is assigned to each tutor/student pair based on tutor availability. The tutor calls the classroom to work with the student at the same day and at the same time each week. Each pair also receives an alternate tutoring time. **All tutoring time slots are scheduled during the regular school day.**

Online tutors are required to attend an orientation session at the Jewish United Fund (30 S. Wells, Chicago) where they will be introduced to the website used for tutoring. Staff from Innovations for Learning will also conduct practice tutoring sessions with each tutor to ensure that tutors are comfortable with the online tutoring process.

Orientation Dates

Tuesday, September 15
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

What

Tutor a first grade student at a George Manierre School, a Chicago Public School.

- Tutors phone the classroom to speak with their students. While they are talking, tutors and students view the same stories on the computer screen. Tutors and students are able to type comments on the screen and play interactive games with their students online.
- The new online program is maintained by *Innovations for Learning*. The software does not need to be downloaded to your computer – instead you just visit a website on any computer to connect with your student.
- Midday Meet-and-Greet sessions will be held at George Manierre School at the beginning and end of the school year so tutors and students can get to know each other in person in addition to forging a connection online.
- No formal teaching experience is necessary.

Face-to-Face Tutoring

Who Anyone above the age of 18 who is looking for a way to make a difference in a child's life.

What Volunteer for **one hour a week** to help elementary school students learn to read. No formal teaching experience is necessary. Tutors help in many ways including working one-on-one with a single student, working one-on-one with a number of different students, working with a reading group or acting as a teacher's assistant. Tutor roles vary by school.

When Face-to-Face tutoring takes place at the school during regular school hours.

Where The following schools are participating in the 2009/2010 TOV Literacy Project. We will do our best to have you placed at the school of your choice.

Bessie Rhodes Magnet School • 3701 Davis, Skokie

Gale Math and Science Academy • 1631 W. Jonquil, Chicago

George Manierre School • 1420 N. Hudson, Chicago

Greenbriar School • 101 W. Greenbriar, Chicago Heights

Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov School • 3200 W. Peterson, Chicago

Oakton Elementary School • 436 Ridge, Evanston

Sager Solomon Schechter Day School • 3210 Dundee, Northbrook

Skokie Solomon Schechter Day School • 9301 Gross Point, Skokie

Washington Elementary School • 914 Ashland, Evanston

Yeshivas Shearis Israel • 2620 W. Touhy, Chicago

The TOV Literacy Project offers two types of tutoring: face-to-face and online. All tutoring happens during the school day.

For more information or to sign up, call the TOV hotline at (312) 357-4762, email tov@juf.org, or visit us on the web: www.juf.org/tov

Please note that a one-year commitment is required to participate in the TOV Literacy Project.

