Reach Out and Read

With additional practice and the support of an encouraging adult, children make greater gains in reading.

ROAR is a flexible volunteer opportunity that supports literacy in your community.

- The program meets before school Tuesday through Friday, **October 4, 2022, through April 28, 2023**.
- Volunteers are encouraged to pick the day of the week that is most convenient in their weekly schedule.
- Each building has staff members who facilitate the routine every morning.
- Volunteers sign in and out of the school visitor's binder and wear a ROAR lanyard when in the school.
- Volunteers read with one student at a time. The student is reading from a book at his or her level.
- Each student will spend approximately 5 minutes with the volunteer. Timing depends on the number of volunteers and the number of students waiting to read.
- After reading, each student will return to their class line in time for the school's morning meeting.
- Volunteers have flexible schedules. There is no need to call the school if their schedule changes. Simply come on a different morning or the next week.

We use some simple strategies to help young readers.

- Provide individual attention and encouragement.
- Help with difficult words.
- Talk about the story.
- Sign the students Reading Log so the practice is counted toward the student's goal.

Getting started is easy.

- Contact Elaine Kane or Amy Maberry at 618/474-2600 or email amaberry@altonschools.org to get involved and receive an ACUSD Volunteer Information Form.
- Turn in your completed Volunteer Information Form to the secretary in the school office on your first day each school year.

Choose a school that is close to your heart or your home.

7:30 am – 8:00 am
West Elementary, 1513 State Street, Alton
North Elementary, 5600 Godfrey Road, Godfrey
7:45 am – 8:15 am
Lovejoy Elementary, 1043 Tremont, Alton
Gilson Brown Elementary, 1613 Delmar, Godfrey
Lewis & Clark Elementary, 6800 Humbert Road, Godfrey
Eunice Smith Elementary, 2400 North Henry Street, Alton

Please consider joining our team.