

GEORGIA LITERACY CONNECTION TUTORIAL PROGRAM

Our Mission:

The mission of Communities in Schools of Marietta/Cobb County, Inc. (CISMCC) is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

What is the Georgia Literacy Connection Program?

The Georgia Literacy Connection Program provides volunteer tutorial services to struggling students in the early elementary grades in our partner elementary schools. One of CIS's basic beliefs is that every child deserves a meaningful one-on-one relationship with a caring adult. The Georgia Literacy Connection allows volunteers to work individually with students so that they may improve academically and enjoy the support of a caring adult.

Who can tutor?

A tutor is any individual who has the desire to open the eyes of a child through the world of books. The tutor meets with two children (each individually) for thirty minutes a week throughout the school year. A total of one hour a week is required. An application that includes permission to obtain a background check is required.

What happens next?

After the application and background check has been received, tutors receive training to become familiar with the literacy materials and the record keeping process. Tutors work with the Communities In Schools volunteer coordinator and appropriate school personnel to be matched with students in need. Tutors help the students with word attack skills, phonics, grammar and necessary skills to become an accomplished reader.

Book Distributions

In some of the lowest-income neighborhoods in the country there is only one book available for every 300 children. Literacy volunteers distribute books to all children in partner schools to increase access to books for all children. Book distributions encourage a love of reading through choice of high quality new books to take home and keep. Books in the home improve family reading habits by allowing families to begin a home library and encourage parents' active participation in their children's education.

Objectives of the Literacy Connection Program

- To recruit volunteers to raise reading/language skills of students in grades K-5.
- To raise levels of self-esteem, positive values, and good work habits of the students.
- To motivate students to work hard, achieve good grades and be successful.
- To involve parents in the success of their children.
- To foster good relationships among parents, teachers and community members.