

TO: Parents of Bozeman Area School Children
FROM: MSU America Reads America Counts Program
SUBJECT: Tutoring Services



Your student's teacher is requesting MSU America Reads America Counts (ARAC) tutors in their classroom and your student may be receiving tutoring either in small group or one-on-one settings during the school day. ***There is no charge for the tutoring services.***

WHAT IS AMERICA READS AMERICA COUNTS?

America Reads*America Counts is a nation-wide initiative to help students improve their math and literacy skills. Federal work-study funding is allowing the ARAC program (operated out of the MSU Field Placement & Licensure Office) to place tutors in Bozeman area schools. Annually, approximately 20-30 university tutors work with elementary and middle school students in the Bozeman area.

WHAT WILL AN AMERICA READS*AMERICA COUNTS TUTOR DO FOR YOUR CHILD?

In short, the ARAC program aims to help your child improve his/her reading ability and/or math skills. The tutor who works with your student is a future teacher candidate who has been trained in reading and math techniques to improve basic reading abilities/ math abilities and understanding various learning styles. In addition to an initial training, all ARAC tutors have undergone a rigorous interview and criminal background check. The ARAC Program is aware of the importance of maintaining confidentiality. All tutors have read and signed a strict statement of confidentiality.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO GET YOUR CHILD INVOLVED?

Nothing! Your student's teacher will be taking care of all paperwork associated with the ARAC Program. **If you do not return the refusal of service form (located below), your student will begin receiving tutoring** during regular school hours, before, or after school (all sessions occur on school grounds) mid-September. The tutor will be under the direct supervision of your student's teacher, with guidance provided by the Program Coordinator in the MSU Field Placement & Licensure Office. If you have any questions, please call us at (406) 994-4761, or email Sarah Smith: fplo@montana.edu.



PARENTAL PERMISSION AND REFUSAL OF SERVICE FORM

- ☐ No, I **DO NOT** wish my student to receive MSU America Reads*America Counts tutoring.
- ☐ Yes, I wish my student to receive MSU America Reads*America Counts tutoring.
- ☐ Yes, I wish my student to receive MSU America Reads*America Counts tutoring, but **WITHOLD PERMISSION** to use my student's story, quote, and/or picture on web pages, in newspapers, on television, and /or brochures or other materials used in promoting the MSU America Reads*America Counts program.

Please complete, sign, and return the appropriate portion of this slip to your child's teacher.

I, _____, **DO NOT** give my student, _____, permission to participate in the MSU America Reads*America Counts Tutoring program.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

I, _____, **DO** give my student, _____, permission to participate in the MSU America Reads*America Tutoring program.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

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