

SWOSU Students Helping Area Children Improve Reading Skills

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Area children are benefiting from a reading course this summer at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The children are under the direction of 18 SWOSU students enrolled in Dr. Ann Russell's summer course-Diagnostic Practices in Teaching Reading. Children participating include (front from left): Casen Falasco, Yolanda Esparza, Brooke Barker, Emma Coats, Sophia Rodriguez and Jonny Gomez. Second row from left-Laura Esparza, Emma Boyles, Braylee McGee, Kaylie Esparza and Brooklyn Morris. Third row from left-Chris Hall, Brayden Boyles, Riley Ingram and Alex Rodriguez. Back row from left-Tre Rodriguez, Brennan Wilson and Bryler Atchley. Not pictured is Alexis Lee.

Several area children are benefiting from a summer reading program at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The children have an opportunity to boost their reading skills under the direction of 18 SWOSU students in Dr. Ann Russell's senior level course-Diagnostic Practices in Teaching Reading. The SWOSU students engage in service learning as they instruct students in reading. Russell said the program builds success in motivating an enjoyment of reading, and many children return several years in a row to participate in it.

Dr. Russell has been associated with the program for 24 years, but the program has been in existence for many more years than that. Enrollment in the program begins after spring break each year, and the class usually fills up quickly. The program is well supported by area teachers and administrators who help refer participants in grades 1-6.