

# Children Improve Reading Skills Through SWOSU Class

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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 24 SWOSU students in Dr. Ann Russell's summer course-Diagnostic Practices in Teaching Reading. Children participating include (front from left): Tristan Shirey; Blaze Liebscher; and Troy Shirey. Second row from left-Jena Ontiveros; Jonny Gomez; Melina Johnson; and Michael Misak. Third row from left-Jace Miller; Chasa Dream Hall; Riley Ingram; Maiyra Lopez; and Jayce Hardin. Fourth row from left-Peyton Crispin; Koner Bryant; Dylan Johnson; Chisum Elliot; and Emily Wheeler. Back row from left-Jaylen Williams; Theresa Kiley; Taryn Musick; and Gaby Quezada. Not pictured are Jami Deevers; Joe Haynes; and Brennon Wilson.

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Russell said the SWOSU students have an excellent opportunity to engage in service learning as they instruct children in reading. The students in the Department of Education tutor individual children who sign up for a reading boost. The program builds success in motivating an enjoyment of reading, and many children return several years in a row to be a part of it.

Russell has been associated with the program for 22 years. Enrollment for the eight-week summer program begins after spring break each year, and the class is full within a couple of weeks. According to Russell, the program is well supported by area teachers and administrators who refer participants in grades 1-6.