

Area Children Benefiting from Reading Program at SWOSU

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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 15 SWOSU students in one of the university's courses. Children participating include (front from left): Tiffanie Thomason and Madison Atchley. Second row—Rylan Smith, Kallie Collins, Jada Humphreys and Zitlali Martinez. Third row—Harper Pagliasotti, Jaxon Green, Machi Lathrom and Trenton Rodriguez. Fourth row—Bryson Cook, Jonny Gomez and Austin Foust. Back row—Brooklyn Morris, Braylee McGee, Layne Mitchell and Dillon Collins. Not pictured is Lorenzo Tovar.

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The children are under the direction of 15 SWOSU students enrolled in Dr. Ann Russell's university course entitled Diagnostic Practices in Teaching Reading. The elementary, early childhood and special education majors engage in this service learning project, which allows them to assess and instruct students in reading. The program reinforces skill development as well as an enjoyment of reading, according to Dr. Russell.

A longstanding SWOSU Department of Education summer opportunity for children, Dr. Russell has been associated with the program for 25 years.

"I personally know of adults older than myself who remember attending this program as children on the SWOSU campus," Russell said.

The program is well supported by area teachers and administrators who help refer participants in grades 1-6.